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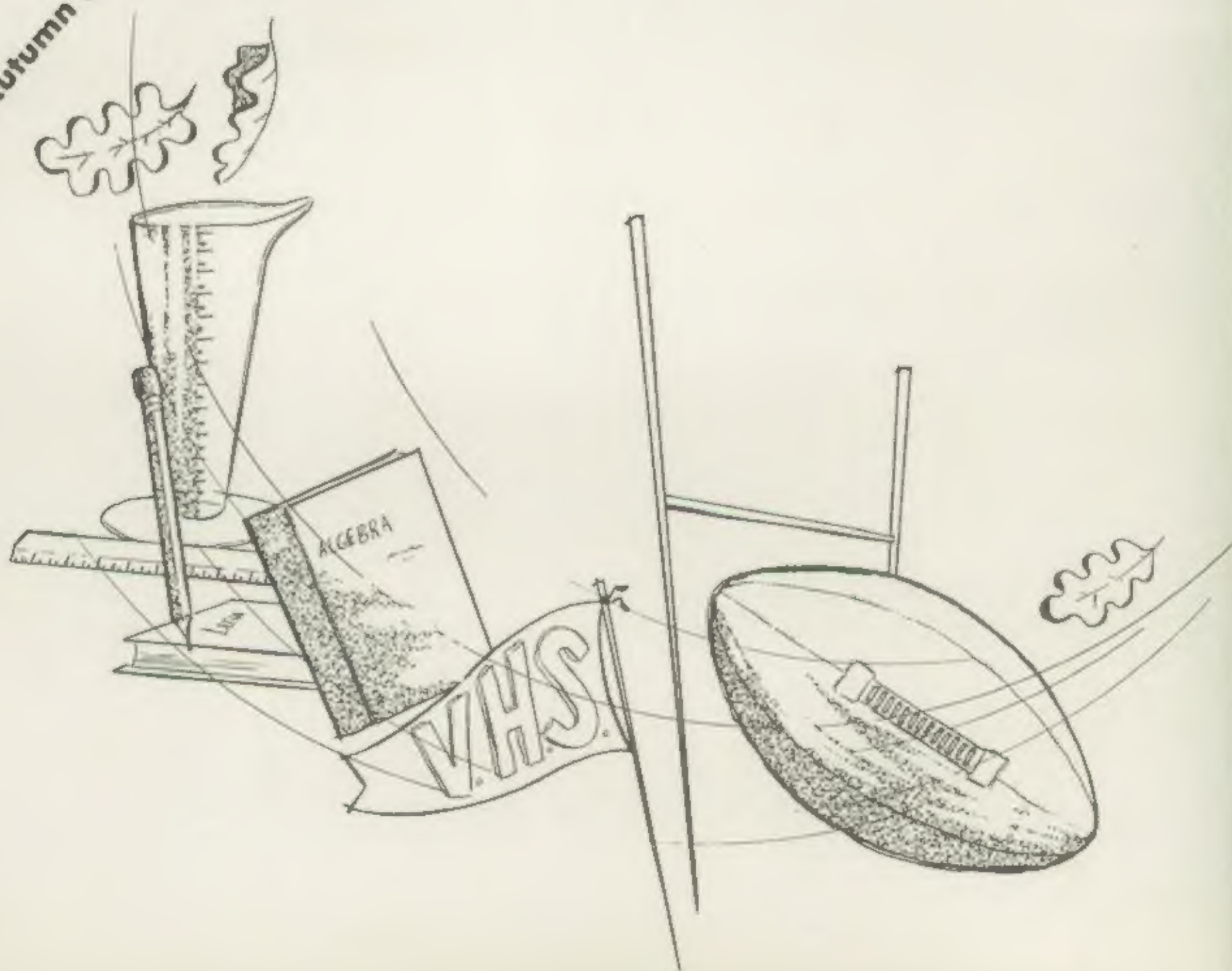
**VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL — VAN WERT, OHIO**

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# Autum

Autumn leaves, homecoming festivities, wiener roasts, blue slips, new freshmen





faces, barbecues, football thrills — memories are made of these



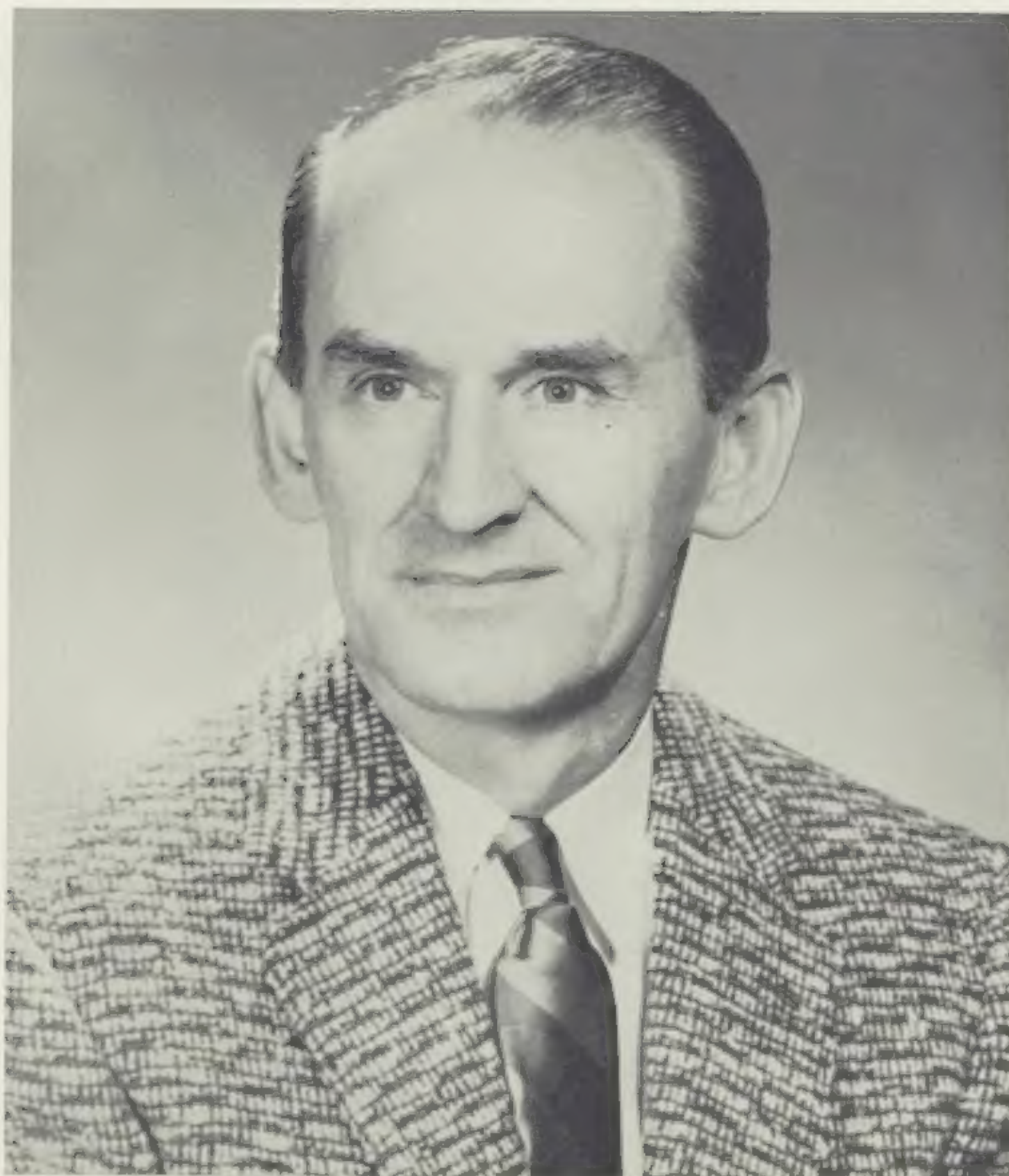




**O Van Wert High, the school we love!**



## DEDICATION



MR. HERBERT JONES

The Class of 1956 has chosen you, Mr. Jones, to receive the highest tribute we can pay. Your untiring effort and excellent musicianship have given all of us at Van Wert High an appreciation for really good music. The interest you have shown in us, both in musical organizations and in our individual problems, has meant more than we can say. To you, therefore, we dedicate this thirty-seventh volume of the *Excalibur*.





### **Cheerleaders**

Peg Brown, Elaine Mericle, Sue Farlow, Diane Roth, Janice Prior, Linda Bagley.

### **Coaches**

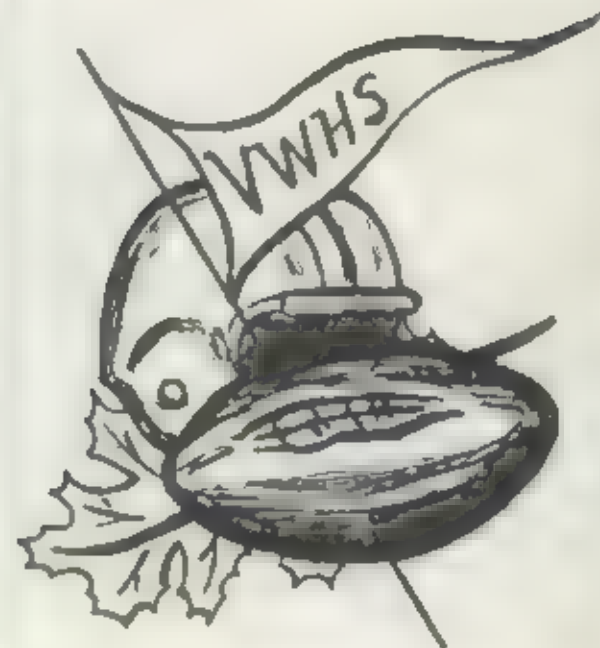
Gilbert Smith, Nicholas Klutka, Otis Coon.

### **Managers**

Tom Nelson, Jack White.







First Row: Jack White, Walt Grunden, Jim Dilbone, Jim Golland, Jess Cooper, Don Harden, Jim Jones, Bob Young, Art Good, Marvin Mihm, Harold Haight, Paul Supert, Don Nelson

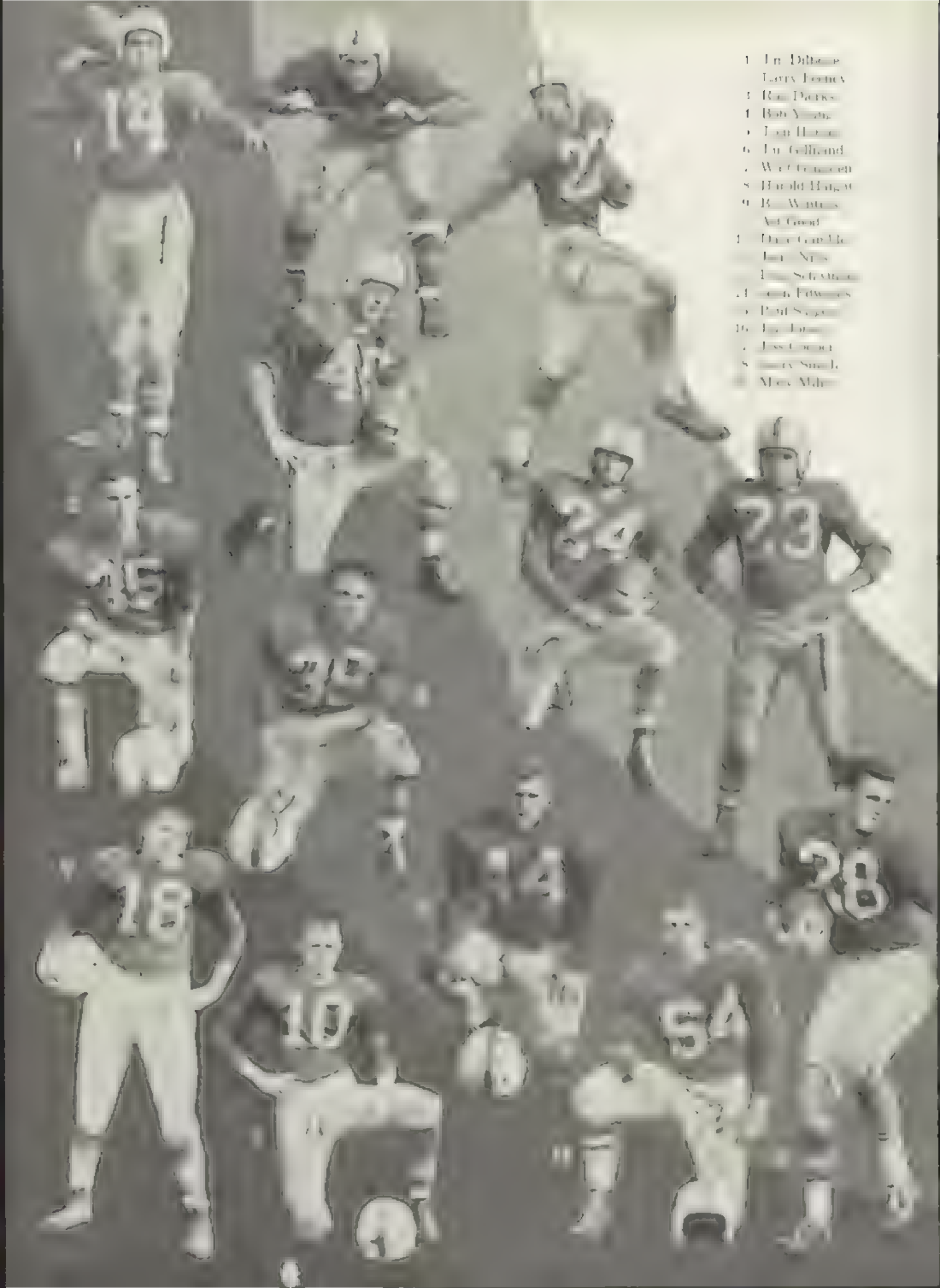
Second Row: Coach Smith, Ronnie Dierks, Jerry Nills, Bill Winters, Paul Schwinnen, Larry Feeney, Larry Smith, Dave Gamble, Jerry Baer, Bob Mohr, John Edwards, Coach Coon, Coach Knutka

Third Row: Don Black, Chuck Kanney, Onley Heath, Larry Johnson, Roger Gipe, Dick O'Mara, Terry Oetzel, George White, Danny Butler, Charles Young, Howard Shaw, Jim Imler

## Football fans and players enjoy a season of thrills







1. Tim Dillmore
2. Larry Fennell
3. Ron Danks
4. Bob Young
5. Tom Hume
6. Tim Gelland
7. Will Gennett
8. Harold Hargrett
9. Bill Winters
10. Art Good
11. Dave Campbell
12. Tim Niles
13. Tim Schwartz
14. John Fowles
15. Paul Sager
16. Tim Fennell
17. Les Good
18. Steve Smith
19. Alex Alder



## Cougar Lettermen Spark '55 Champs

Once more Van Wert has had an undefeated football team, winning eight games and tying one. The Cougar seniors have been unbeaten two years in succession and have lost only two games in their entire football career. This year it was more difficult than ever to remain undefeated because the Cougars were the special target of every team.

During the early part of the season the team, lacking experience, had a rough time, but with each win the boys gained confidence and played real football. Once past Toledo and Wapak, they rolled up the victories and climaxed the season by beating St. Marys and giving Coach Smith his hundredth win for Van Wert High.

Besides winning honors as a team, the Cougars received some high individual honors. Named to the Western Buckeye League first offensive team were Larry Feeney, tackle, John Edwards, guard, Jim Jones, center, Bob Young, fullback, and Ron Dierks, halfback. Places on the first defensive League team went to linebackers Jim Jones and Jim Dillbone. Dillbone also rated the All-State first team and Jones made the All State third team. Bob Young was chosen for a position on the Ohio All Star Team, which saw action in Canton in August. Congratulations to the team and the coaching staff on this record of two years without defeat.

If anybody can do it, Smitty can!

### Schedule

September 16	Bryan	H	19	0
September 23	Defiance	T	12	12
*September 30	Kenton	T	21	6
*October 7	Lima-Shawnee	T	41	14
*October 14	Bellefontaine	H	57	0
*October 21	Wapakoneta	H	18	13
October 27	Toledo-Woodward	H	28	27
*November 4	St. Marys	T	28	7
*November 10	Celina	H	41	0
*League				







First Row Don Beck, Jim Bebout, Gary Patterson, Bob Matthews, Rod Johnson. Second Row Larry Holden, Jim Bell, Bob Stevens, Rodger Bechtol, Carl Witherow, Pat Hallam, Phil Holikamp, Larry Summersett, David Price. Third Row Coach Stoops, Brad Bebout, Clyde Ford, Tom Reynolds, Bryce Fauble, Jack Fraker, Ray McCollum, Dave Shupe, Larry Vaughn, Don Smitley

## Freshman Football—the lettermen of tomorrow

Each year the coaching staff of Van Wert High School provides a football class for the younger boys who hope to play varsity football. This is called the freshman football team. This year the beginners played five games and came out with the short end of the score: Defiance 14-0, Coldwater 8-6, St. Marvs 27-0, Delphos 12-0, and Shawnee 17-0. You must not criticize the coach or the players for this record for the simple reason that the boys were out there to learn the fundamentals of football and not necessarily to win. With the basic training and the experience acquired this year, many of these players will be able to win positions on the Varsity come next fall.



Coach Jim Stoops









Drum Major: Sally Coombs. Majorettes: First Row  
Rachel Morris, Sue Willman, Beverly Blake Second  
Row Lynda Learev, Linda Kircher

Director Jones — No Comment





## Marching Band

The Marching Band, directed by Mr. Herbert Jones, averages one hundred students. This year the band looked really sharp at the football games in their new uniforms of red and gray with white cross belts, spats, and gloves. The band participates in Memorial Day, Peony Festival, and Fall Festival parades. It also adds color and zest to the Van Wert County Fair.

Buenos noches, seniors  
Forward, ho!  
'Ten-shun'







**Homecoming Queen** Linda Kirchenbauer



## Queen Linda and her court reign over the festivities



Linda Kirchenbauer was crowned Homecoming Queen during the impressive half-time ceremony at the Bellfontaine football game. After the game, Queen Linda reigned over the Homecoming dance.

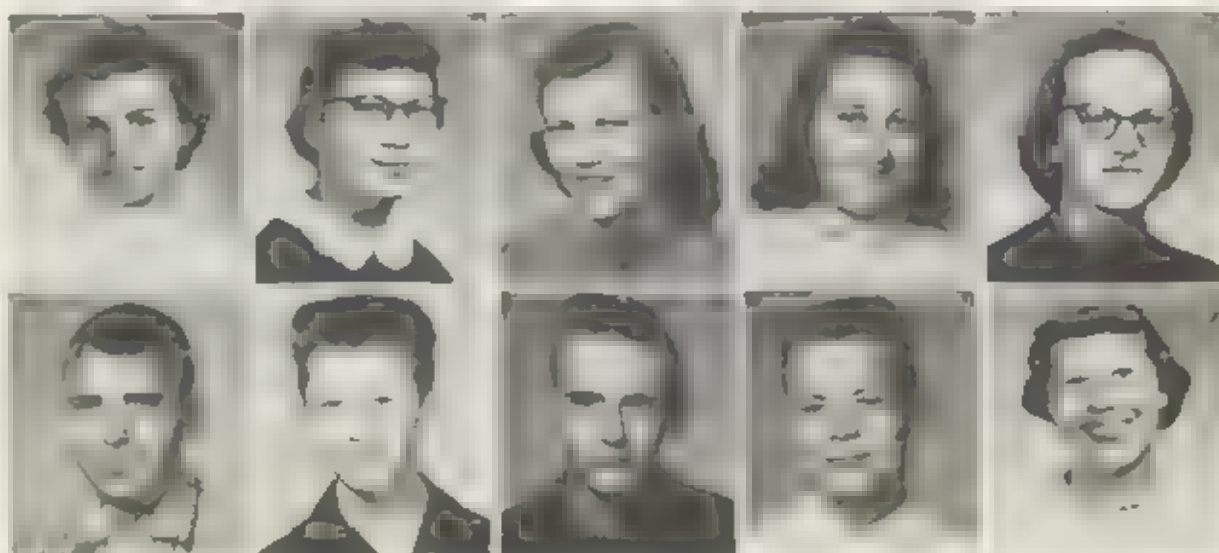




## Freshmen, innocent and unwary, have their first glimpse of high school life

First Row: Sara Lee Agler, Nancy Andrews, Sandra Arnold, Rachael Balliet, Carol Baxter

Second Row: Brad Bebout, Jim Bebout, Rodger Bechtol, Donald Beck, Joan Beck



First Row: Jim Bell, Larry Betts, Suzy Binkley, Dorcas Blackmore, Marsha Blake

Second Row: Terry Jo Blue, Lewis Bowen, Nancee Brown, Bonnie Caldwell, Judy Chesbro.

Third Row: Rosalyn Cofelt, Louis Crow, Janet Davis, Joyce Davis, Louise DeCamp.

First Row: Margaret DeMoss, Nellie Dempsey, Dorothy Doner, Sara Drury, Pat Dunlap.

Second Row: Dick Dunno, Barbara Ellerbrock, Barbara Ellis, David Elzey, Gloria Evans.

Third Row: Pamela Foster, Bryce Fauble, David Fell, Patricia Finkhousen, Clyde Ford







First Row: Jack Fraker, Marjorie Gallaway, Judith Geary, Karen Geisman, James Gilbert.

Second Row: Carolyn Gil-land, Jerry Goins, Kay Goins, Ann Good, Lonnie Gray.

Third Row: Claudia Green, Ann Gribler, Susan Gribler, Sherry Hall, Patrick Hallam.

First Row: Roberta Har- den, Gertrude Hard- man, Gail Harley, Ro- berta Hartman, Vir- ginia Harvey.

Second Row: Gary Heck- ert, Karen Heffner. Terry Hipsley, Jean Hirn, Elsie Hoeken.

Third Row: Larry Hol- den, Philip Holtkamp, Connie Hosford, David Hoverman, Dick Hov- erman.



First Row: Clarence Huf- fine, Janice Huffine, Charles Ingman, Har- vey Ireton, Trina Jack- son.

Second Row: Larry John- son, Rod Johnson, Tim Jones, Paul Kaduk, Corrine Katterheinrich.

Third Row: Mary Ellen Keith, Helen Keirns, Carol Jean Kinsey, Larry Klausing, Gor- don Knittle.

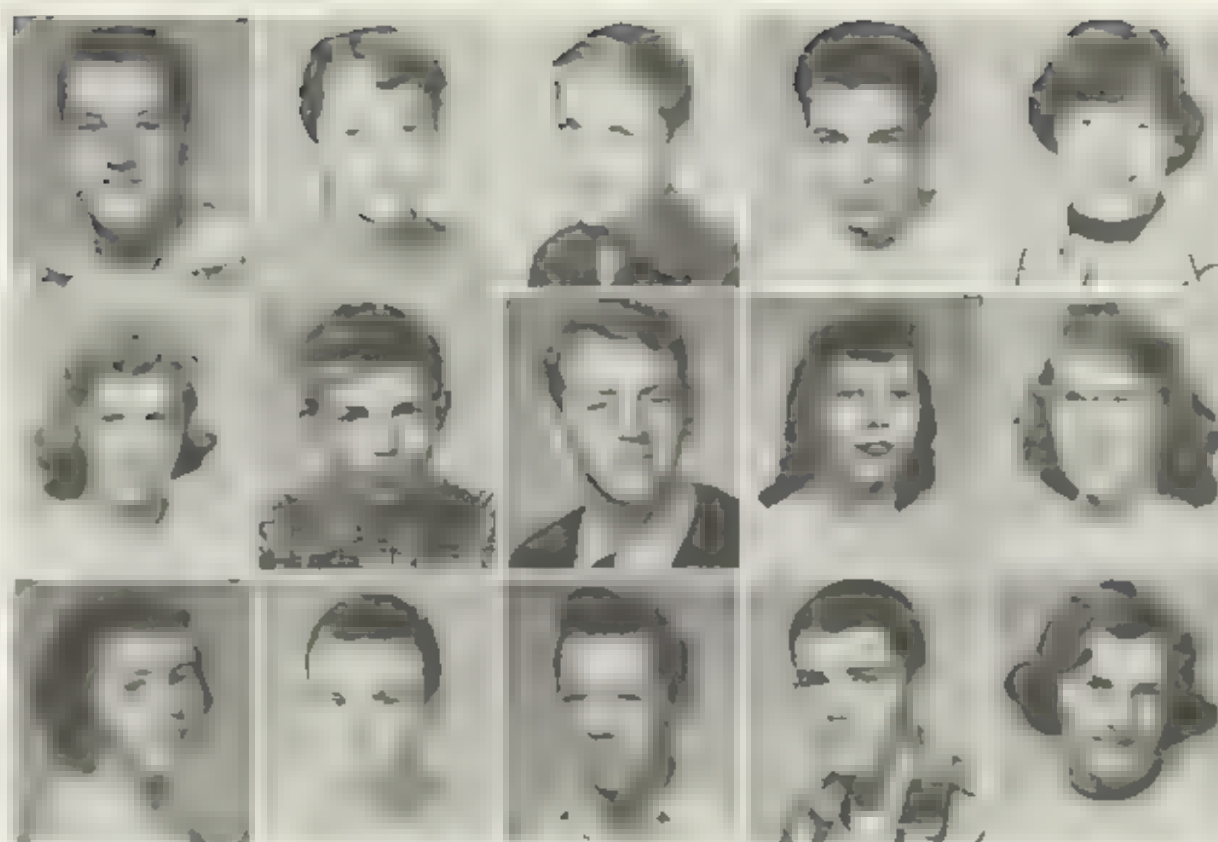




First Row: Dick Knodel,  
Linda Kreischer, Max  
Kreischer, Jack Krick,  
Linda Krick.

Second Row: Shirley  
Lane, Dan Lewis, Tom  
Lewis, Nancy Louth,  
Linda McCarty.

Third Row: Judy McCol-  
lum, Ray McCollum,  
David Malinowski, Bob  
Matthias, Barbara Mil-  
ler.



First Row: Bill Miller,  
Max Miller, Oscar Mil-  
ler, Robert Miller, San-  
dra Miller.

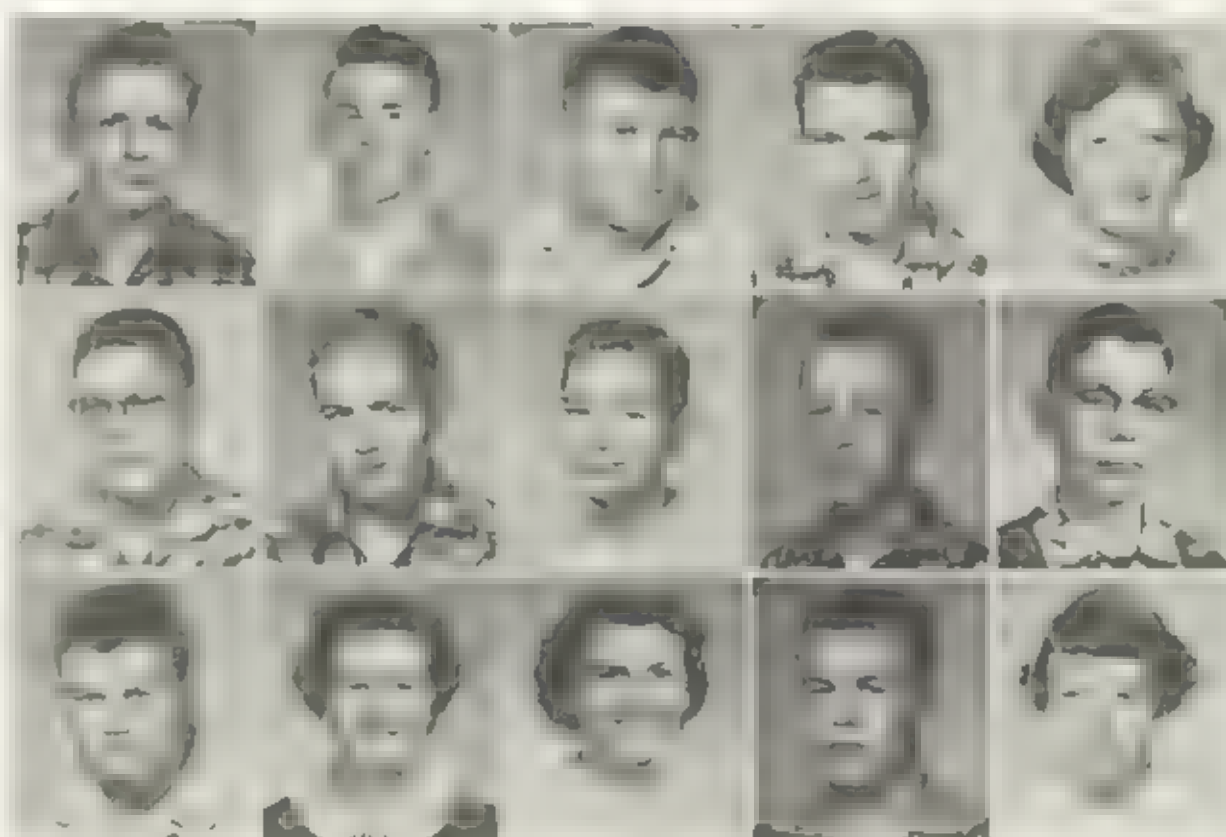
Second Row: Tim Miller,  
Richard Milner, Caro-  
lyn Mosier, Jim Mur-  
phy, Mary Murphy.

Third Row: Sherry Mur-  
phy, Nancy Myers,  
Lois Parsons, Peggy  
Parsons, Gary Patter-  
son.

First Row: Glenn Pon-  
tius, David Price, Ben  
Reidenbach, Tom  
Reynolds, Sharon Ries.

Second Row: Alan Rin-  
ard, Robert Rowland,  
Michael Ruskaup, Bob  
Scaer, Roger Schaffer.

Third Row: Larry  
Schoonover, Sandra  
Schumm, Charlotte  
Sherman, Roger  
Shimp, Judith Showal-  
ter.







First Row: David Shupe, Nancy Sidle, Fred Simmons, Joy Sink, Ray Skinner.

Second Row: Sharon Slane, Don Smitley, Doug Snyder, Peg Stenger, Bob Stevens.

Third Row: Sally Stewart, Janice Stoder, Julius Strick, Larry Summersett, Linda Terry.

First Row: Jerry Thatcher, Ronnie Thatcher, Diane Thomas, Tony Todd, Peggy Tomlinson.

Second Row: Marjorie Wade, Linda Waldron, Richard Waldron, Connie Wallace, Robert Walls.

Third Row: David Walters, Jim Watkins, Doug Welker, Kathy Wells, Donna Whitcraft.



First Row: Jerry Wilhelm, Janelle Wise, Nedra Wise, Rebecca Wisener, Carl Witherow.

Second Row: Dave Witten, LeRoy Wolford, Charles Young, Sandra Young, Florence Zinsmeister.



**By mid-year they know their way around**



## Freshmen, now seasoned veterans, look forward to another year

On September 12, 1955, one hundred seventy-five "greenies" proudly entered the doors of high school, only to find ourselves completely lost in the confusion of beginning activities. After a few weeks of forgetting locker combinations and room numbers, we settled down to the routine business of school and elected class officers and representatives to the Student Council.

On the reserve basketball team we proudly cheered Jim Bell, Charles Young, Bob Matthias, Rodger Bechter, Don Beck, Tom Reynolds, Larry Holden, Charles Ingman, Gary Patterson, and Carl Withrow. Several of our classmates carried the pigskin for the freshman team and occasionally for the varsity.

We chose Sara Drury as our attendant to the Homecoming Queen. We were proud of the many freshmen who were active members of the high school band, and of our three reserve cheerleaders.

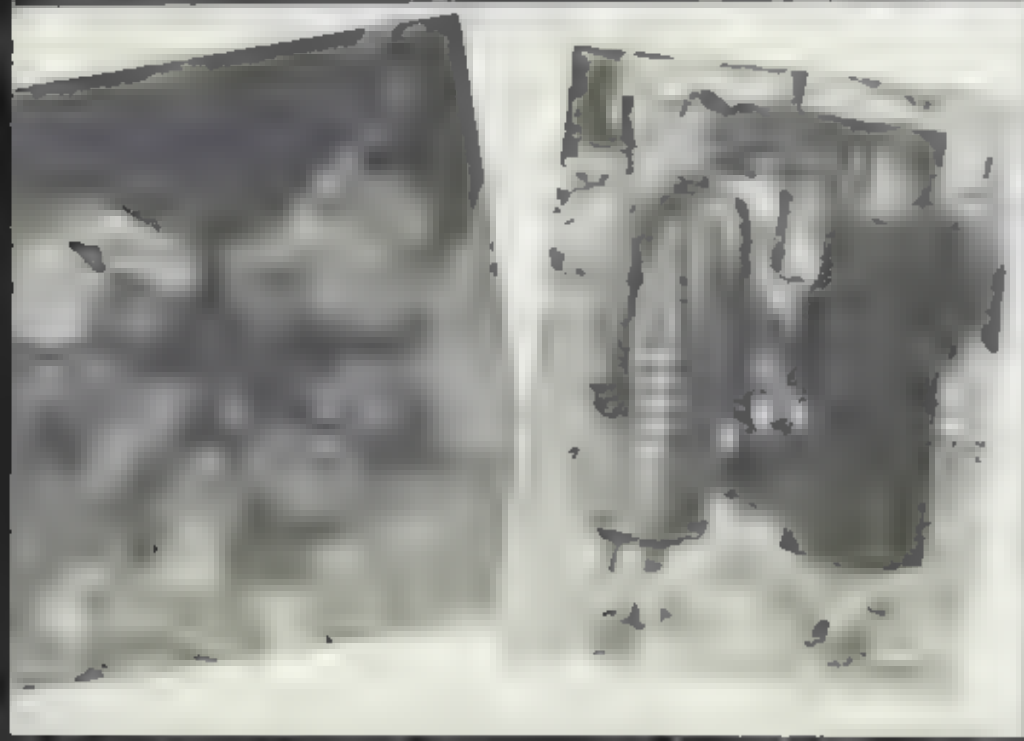
With all this to our credit, we feel we have taken our first big step on the stairway of higher education, and we are very happy to turn over our job as "greenies" to the incoming freshman class as we journey on to the sophomore step of Van Wert High School.



### Officers

Judy McCarty, vice president  
Linet Davis, treasurer  
Dorothy Binkley, secretary  
Mr. Mason, adviser  
Judy McCollum, president











The Student Council, our student governing body, plays a vital role in school activity. Its members are the four class presidents and representatives from home-rooms. The object of the council is to promote greater school unity, better co-operation between students and faculty, and better school spirit and conduct. To reach these goals, five squads are appointed: social squad, headed by Judy McCollum; courtesy, Mary Ellen Keith; finance, Sheila Hallam; conduct, Opal Clouse; and assembly, Ronnie Dierks. Activities include the Student Loan Plan, a worthwhile program initiated this year; hall monitors stationed in the upper and lower halls; a dance; and financing the telephone for student use. Mr. Gallapoo and Mr. Baker are the advisers.



#### Officers

Mary Blake, secretary; Larry Smith, vice president; Larry Jones, president

**Student Council** provides experience in democratic living

First Row: Larry Smith, Jim Jones, Mary Blake, Len Im-  
ler. Second Row: Mr. Baker, Linda Krichenbauer, Barbara  
Hirn, Carol Grind. Judy McCollum, Jan Smith. Third  
Row: Mr. Gallapoo, Ron Dierks, Vern Laing, Sue Farlow

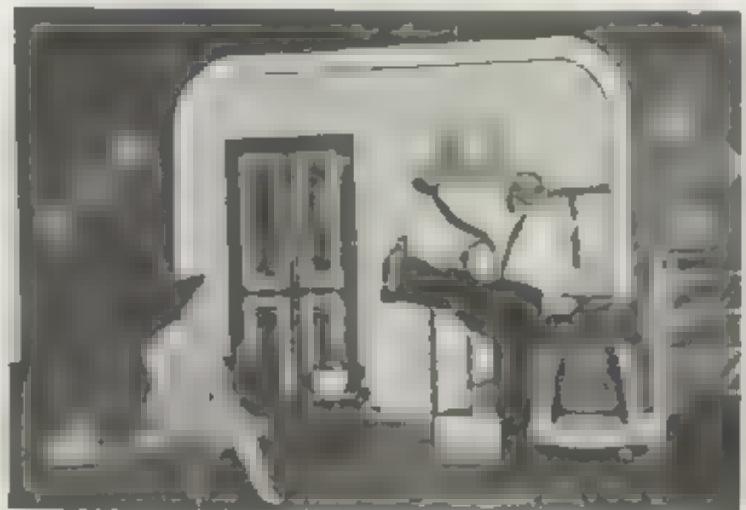
Sue Wilson, Opal Clouse, Mary Jones, Mary Ellen  
Keith, Sheila Hallam. Fourth Row: Len Hagen, Jerry  
Baer, Dave Gamble, Gary Cobb, Roger Martin, Pat H-  
lata, Paul Sargent, Ron Sherer, Jim Bebout







First Row: Mike Jones, Carolyn Scott, Sally Grooms,  
Helen, Carol, Cynthia, Roger, Mary, Jean, Ron,  
Second Row: John, Walter, Dick, Hy, Ed, Roy,  
Eda, Della, John, Steve, Alvin, Fred, Loretta, Fred, Mike,  
Phyllis, Doug, is Grooms, Fred, A. Week





## **Juniors take "Time Out for Ginger"**

The junior class presented "Time Out for Ginger", a recent Broadway hit by Ronald Alexander. Directed by Clyde Coon, speech instructor of the high school, the cast ably performed this hilarious comedy in three acts which centers around a banker's tomboy daughter who wants to play football — and does. Presented November 15 and 16, the play was thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences.

### **CAST**

Lizzie, the maid .....	Barbara Ditto Dorothy Weck
Agnes Carol .....	Judy Harden Sally Coombs
Howard Carol .....	Douglas Geary
Joan, their daughter, age 18 .....	Diane Harden Janice Prior
Jeannie, their daughter, age 16 .....	LaRita Whitcraft Carol Grindahl
Ginger, their daughter, age 14 .....	Marie Lewis Caroline Scott
Eddie Davis, an athlete, Joan's boy friend .....	Mike Pheneger
Tommy Green, Ginger's boy friend .....	Roger Martin
Miss Wilson, the high school principal .....	Miriam Price Jean Bennett
Ed Hoffman, bank president, Howard Carol's boss .....	John Smith





**Juniors** order class rings, plan prom, and move a step closer to graduation



First Row: James Agler, Joe Agler, Larry Agler.



Second Row: Dave Allen, Joe Allen, Jim Anderson



Third Row: Mauvette August, Jerry Baer, Laurinda Bate.



Fourth Row: Judith Beall, Jean Bennett, Barbara Blanke.

Fifth Row: Frank Boroff, Frank Brown, Peg Brown, Dick Caldwell, Judy Coffelt.

Sixth Row: Judy Conn, Sally Coombs, Nan Cowan, Eddie DeCamp, Richard DeCamp.

Seventh Row: Terry Devine, Ronnie Dierks, Barbara Ditto, Joyce Donahue, Larry DuCheney.



*Juniors*



First Row: John Edwards, Donald Elzey, Janet Fauble.

Second Row: Ann Feeney, Bill Fowler, Dave Gamble.

Third Row: Doug Geary, Mary Lou Germann, Martha Gingrich.

Fourth Row: Jim Goins, Don Good, Neil Good.

Fifth Row: Carol Grindahl, Earl Hainline, Judy Harden.

Sixth Row: Dianne Hardin, Carolyn Hartge, Cathy Hilton, Barbara Hirn, Ella Jean Hoffman.

Seventh Row: Jacqueline Hoghe, Pat Holschult, Jane Johnson, Jean Johnson, Larry Kreischer.

Eighth Row: Ronald Krick, Ralph Lautzenheiser, Marie Lewis, Ervan Lintermoot, Rita Lippi.



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First Row: Barbara McDonald, Alice McMichael, Janet McNeal.

Second Row: Sandra Makuh, Roger Martin, Marilyn Matthias.

Third Row: Don May, Barbara Merkle, Betty Miller

Fourth Row: Jerry Miracle, Janet Monce, Janet Morris

Fifth Row: David Myers, Jane Ann Myers, Tom Nott.

Sixth Row: Arla Oechsle, Rita Osenbaugh, Mike Pheneger, Linda Poling, Sandra Pontius

Seventh Row: Jim Presler, Miriam Price, Donna Prichard, Janice Prior, Lester Raker.

Eighth Row: Sue Ralston, Sandi Ramsey, Joyce Rawlings, Carolyn Rhodenbaugh, Diane Roth.



*Juniors*



First Row: Jan Runnion, John Saylor, Andrea Scarpelli.

Second Row: Don Schnepf, Paul Schwin-  
nen, Caroline Scott

Third Row: Larry Sidle, Jim Smith, John  
Smith.

Fourth Row: Larry Smith, Stanley Smith,  
Brenda Smitley

Fifth Row Karen Sowers, Ronny Spray,  
Joan Sterrett.

Sixth Row: Orville Stetler, David Stitts-  
worth, Louis Thomas, Shirley Tickle,  
Norma Tinker

Seventh Row: Dorothy Vetter, Barbara  
Wampler, Dolores Weck, Dorothy Weck,  
LaRita Whitcraft

Eighth Row: Sandra Willett, Carol Wil-  
more, Bill Winters, Sandra Wise, John  
Wisener.



In Memoriam  
Glenn Hudson



## Juniors say farewell to a happy, carefree year

This year as the juniors walked in the doors of Van Wert High School we had a different feeling because we were upper classmen. One of the first things we did was to elect the officers named below.

Placed on the undefeated football team were Jerry Baer, John Edwards, Ron Dierks, Larry Smith, Larry Feeney, Dave Gamble, Paul Schwinnen, Bill Winters, and Joe Ager, who unfortunately suffered a broken ankle at the start of the season.

For the third year, the junior class chose Nan Cowan as Homecoming attendant.

"Time Out for Ginger" was a popular choice for the class play.

Eight juniors played basketball: Larry Ducheney, Dave Gamble, Jerry Baer, Don Good, Paul Schwinnen, Jim Smith, Ron Dierks, and Larry Smith.

Juniors playing baseball were Larry Smith, Louis Thomas, Larry Kreischer, Dave Gamble, and Ron Dierks.

That winds up the year for us as juniors, but we have one more year. We hope it will bring as many happy times and leave as many pleasant memories as the past years.



Mr. Bowen, adviser  
Jean Bennett, vice president  
Ron Dierks, president  
Caroline Scott, treasurer  
Dorothy Weck, secretary









First Row: K. Heffner, A. Hartge, J. Beck, K. Katterheinrich, D. Roth, E. Mericle, V. Miller, L. Bagley, B. Blake, C. Hartge, M. Germann, K. Sowers, J. Hoghe. Second Row: Miss Merten, J. McCollum, S. Miller, S. Arnold, P. Finkhausen, B. Germann, L. Feasby, J. Prior, J. Rawlings, M. Brooks, M. Marquis, P. Roesner, P. Tomlinson, F. Zinsmeister, L. Waldron, V. Harvey, B. Sheets, N. Myers, C. Kinsey. Third Row: S. Agler, C. Wallace, K. Wells, J. Beck, S. Sheldon, C. Heshner, P. Stenger, C. Baxter, L. Kreischer, J. Sink, C. Sherman, S. Slane, M. Blake, S. Ries, S. Ralston, L. McCarty, T. Jackson. Fourth Row: J. Davis, M. Lewis, M. Matthias, P. Williamson, B. Caldwell, S. Schumm, J. Myers, J. Johnson, S. Binkley, B. Miller, C. Katterheinrich, K. Gons, L. Parsons, M. Galloway, J. Geary, G. Harley, G. Hardman. Fifth Row: P. Brown, S. Wiseman, M. Kohn, O. Clouse, S. Thompson, S. Stewart, H. Korns, H. Heath, S. Malinowski.

## G.A.A.

**SPEEDBALL CHAMPS**—First Row: L. Feasby, S. Sheldon, C. Heshner, O. Clouse, A. Hartge. Second Row: B. Germann, S. Thompson, M. Kohn, B. Sheets, Miss Merten.

**BASKETBALL CHAMPS**—First Row: P. Roesner, P. Williamson, P. Boroff, L. Bagley, B. Blake, K. Katterheinrich. Second Row: M. Brooks, H. Heath, S. Malinowski, M. Marquis, Miss Merten.

**VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS**—First Row: D. Roth, C. Hartge, S. Ralston. Second Row: M. Germann, K. Sowers, M. Lewis, J. Prior. Third Row: P. Brown, J. Johnson, J. Hoghe, J. Johnson, M. Matthias, J. Myers.

Elaine Mericle, treasurer; Karen Katterheinrich, president; Janet Beck, vice president; Diane Roth, secretary.











# Winter

Falling snow, basketball games, clubs, penny lunches, Christmas carols, vacations, dances





rehearsals, going steady, volentines—are







## Snowball, a glamorous greeting to the New Year

The Rendezvous Committee is composed of sixteen members, four from each class. Their big project is the annual Snowball, held during the Christmas holiday season. While planning for this social event, the committee meets once a week.

### Rendezvous Committee

First Row: Bob V... , Sue F... , Eric H...  
 Second Row: Nick W... , Al Good, Sue W...  
 Third Row: Tom S... , Tony H... , Corey Young, Jim L...  
 Fourth Row: Jerry N... , Larry Smith, Tom L... , Ron D...







## Future Teachers of America plan for tomorrow

The FTA, an organization designed for students who plan to become teachers, is open to all four classes. The members observed and taught elementary classes, spent at least one day on the campus of a teacher-training institution, and were visited by the Ohio Education Association supervisor. Mr. Gallapoo is the adviser.

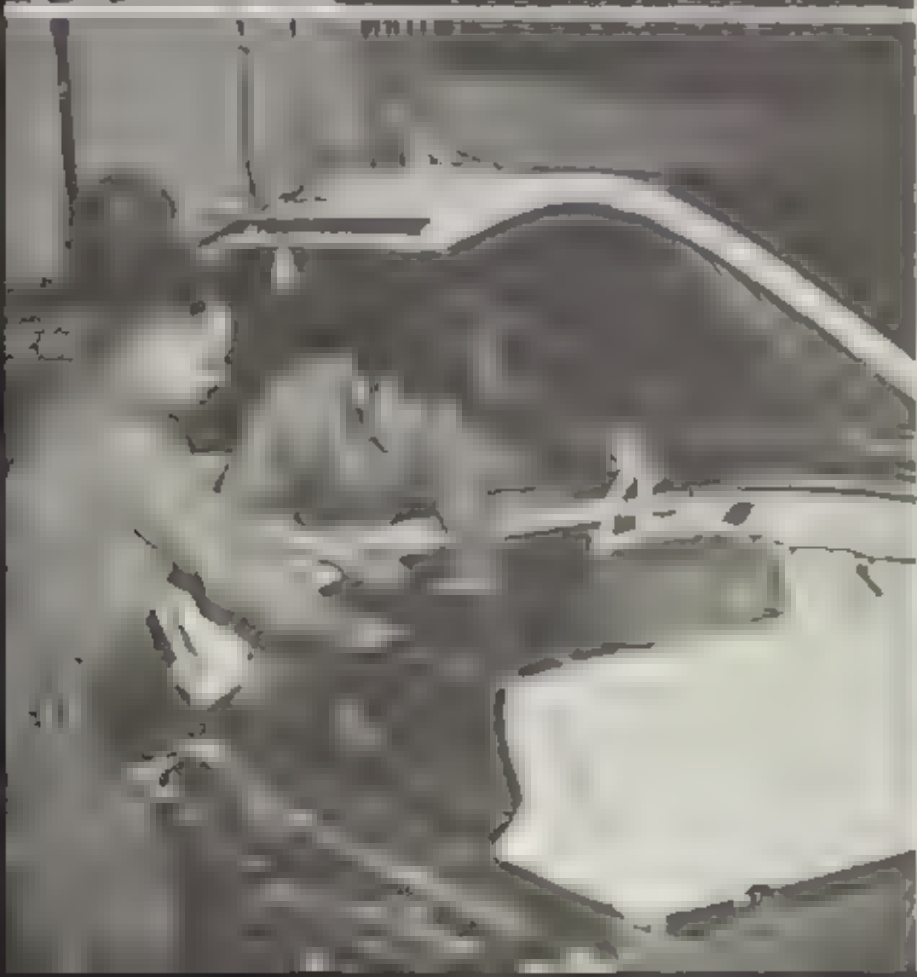
First Row: Sally Coombs, Sheila Hallam, Sue Farlow, Lynne Eikenbary, Mr. Gallapoo. Second Row: Dorothy Weck, Karen Katterheinrich, Linda Kirchenbauer, Sally Stewart, Charlotte Sherman, Peggy Stenger, Barbara Gilliland, Sarah Agler. Third Row: Patty Holschult, Judy Har-  
 der, Joyce Williams, Susan Shepherd, Ruth Ann Weeks, Linda Feasby, Janet Davis, Ann Gribler, Margaret De-  
 Moss. Fourth Row: Sandy Willett, Barbara Hurn, Miriam  
 Price, Catherine Scott, Larry Lee.

### Officers

Joyce Williams, program chairman; Sheila Hallam, president; Sue Farlow, treasurer; Sally Coombs, secretary; Lynne Eikenbary, vice president.







### Officers

First Row: Curt Proffitt, vice president; Bill Emrick, president; Charlene Hallwill, secretary; Jim Geisman, treasurer; Bob Holmes, reporter; Larry Wills, sergeant at arms





## Vocational Industrial Club puts theory into practice



First Row: Charlene Halliwell, Curtis Proffitt, Larry Wills, Bill Emrick, Jim Geismann, Bob Holmes. Second Row: Jim Agler, Ray Tinnel, Larry Duchenev, Mr. Davis. Third Row: Kenny Seibert, Larry Johns, David Allen, Frank Boroff, Richard McCoy.



In the five years of its existence, the club has won five gold awards for outstanding service to the community. In addition to student projects, the club needs a annual employer or sponsor banquet. Key Tamm, a senior, is the outstanding student in the program.

**VIC** members have the opportunity to learn on the job





First Row: M. Lewis, D. Laing, D. Ashbaugh, B. A. Weeks, M. L. Germann, C. J. Grindahl, S. Tickle, J. Ruunion, C. Scott, L. Kirchenbauer, L. Whitcraft, S. Dustman, R. Morris, S. Ramsey, S. Willett, J. Feasby, C. Rhodenbaugh, J. Prior, M. Jerome, D. Roth, D. Weck. Second Row: A. Oechsle, E. Stevens, H. Menzies, B. Merkle, D. Weck, C. Williams, E. Mericle, L. Learey, P. Gribler, K. Sowers, C. Steele, S. Williman, L. Stemen, L. V. Allen, A. Scarpelli, J. Harden, M. Brooks, J. Williams, M. Price. Third Row: A. Hitchcock, A. Tunner, L. Hagley, D. Mason, N. Tinker,

S. Coombs, M. Marquis, J. Johnson, L. Longwell, K. Katterhenrich, B. Blake, J. Beal, J. Donahue, J. Johnson, P. Wable, L. Ekenbary, N. Cowan, S. Wiseman, M. Mathias, M. L. Lewis, S. Thompson, S. Hallam. Fourth Row: T. Gies, J. M. Gies, D. Mazock, R. Krick, N. Good, D. Mason, D. Stuttsworth, A. Good, D. Black, L. Pennell, H. Shaw, J. White, J. Cooper, R. Dierks, V. Long. Fifth Row: L. Ley, J. Wiseman, B. Ainsworth, A. T. R. Martin, S. Smith, D. Ford, J. Smith, G. Cobb, F. Golland, P. Jarvis, J. Gribler, R. Sherer, C. Griffiths, R. Williams, J. Lane.



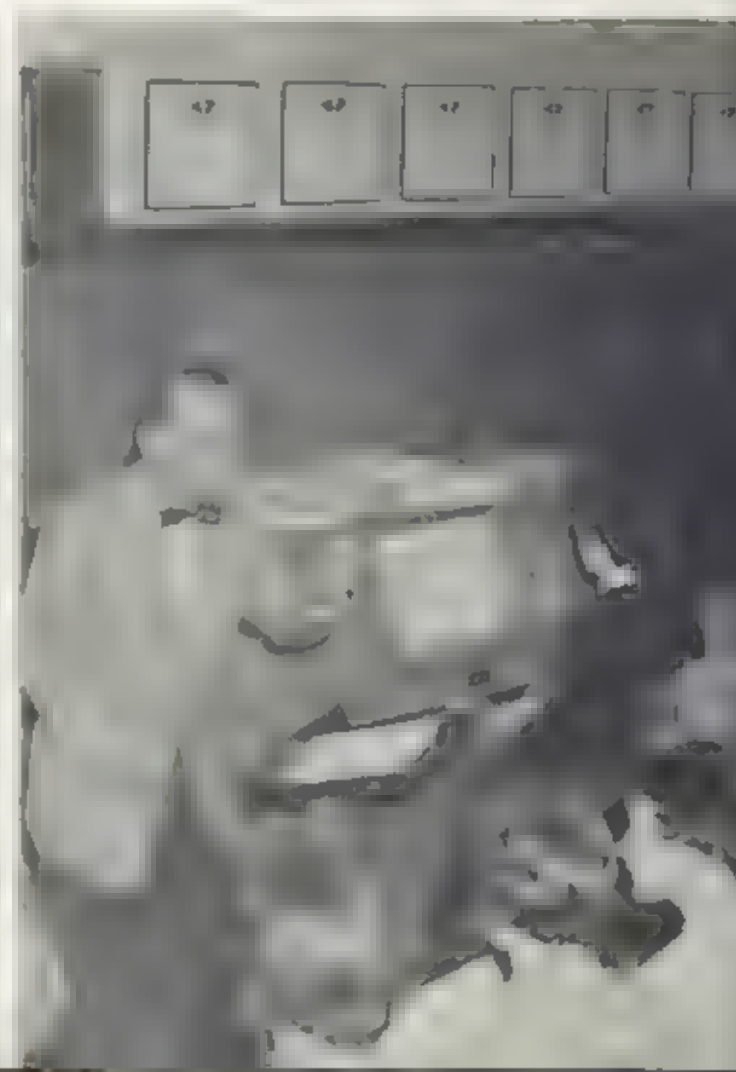




## **A Cappella Choir** members gain appreciation through performance

The Van Wert a cappella choir consists of nearly one hundred sophomores, juniors, and seniors. During the year the choir has sung at school assemblies and for graduation ceremonies, given concerts for various community clubs, and presented "Vocal Varieties." It is a coveted honor to be a member of this organization, one of the finest choirs in the state. This is the seventh year in which the choir has received a superior rating in the state contest, as well as in the district competition. Several members of the choir also have won superior and excellent ratings in district and state contests. Mr. Herbert Jones, the director, has given much time and effort to make the choir one of our school's outstanding organizations.

**Director**  
Mr. H. Herbert Jones







### Girls' Ensemble

Also check out *Harper's* new Sue Williamson Lyric Collection.



### Boys' Ensemble

Youth League: Jim Lane, Robert Williams, Jess Cooper,  
 Louis Lissner, Jerry Graham, Bob Hayes, Gary Cook,  
 Frank Green, Paul Lee, John Gresser.

### Freshman Chorus

The first of these is the fact that the majority of the population of the United States is now living in the South. This is a fact which has been recognized by the Federal Government, and it is one which has led to a number of important changes in the way in which the Government has conducted its business. One of the most important of these changes has been the creation of the Department of the Interior, which has been charged with the responsibility of looking after the interests of the people of the South. This department has been created in order to deal with the many problems which have arisen in the South since the Civil War. These problems have included the question of land, the question of labor, and the question of race. The Department of the Interior has been charged with the responsibility of dealing with all of these problems, and it has been doing so with great success.





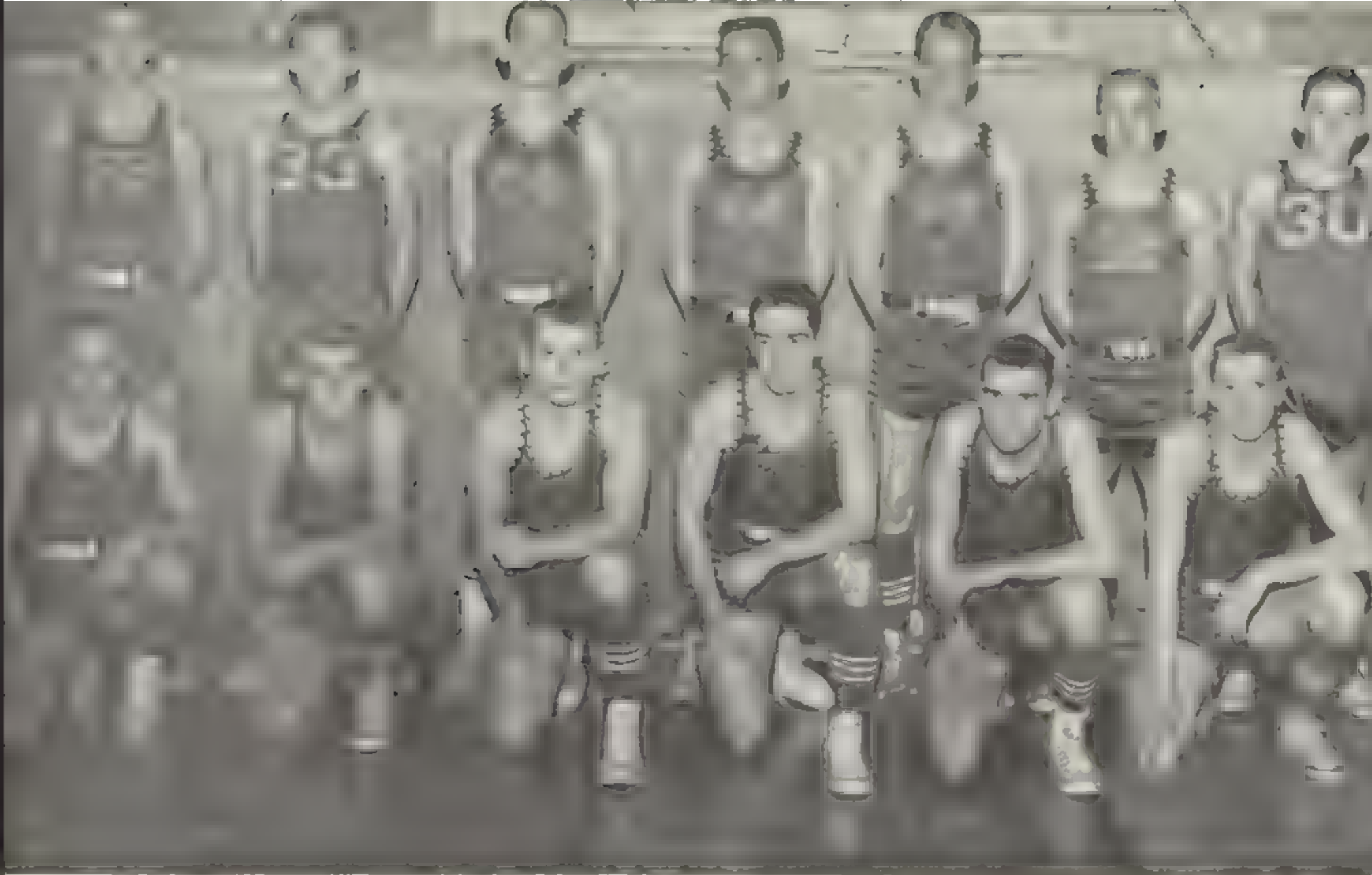


## Vocal Varieties

The Vocal Varieties Division consisted of a candlelight procession, a short formal concert, and excerpts from Student Prince and Desert Song. Arie Long and Anita Henrich were featured in Student Prince and Lyane Eberhart, Jerry Johnson, Jerry Taylor, and Gary Carlson in Desert Song.



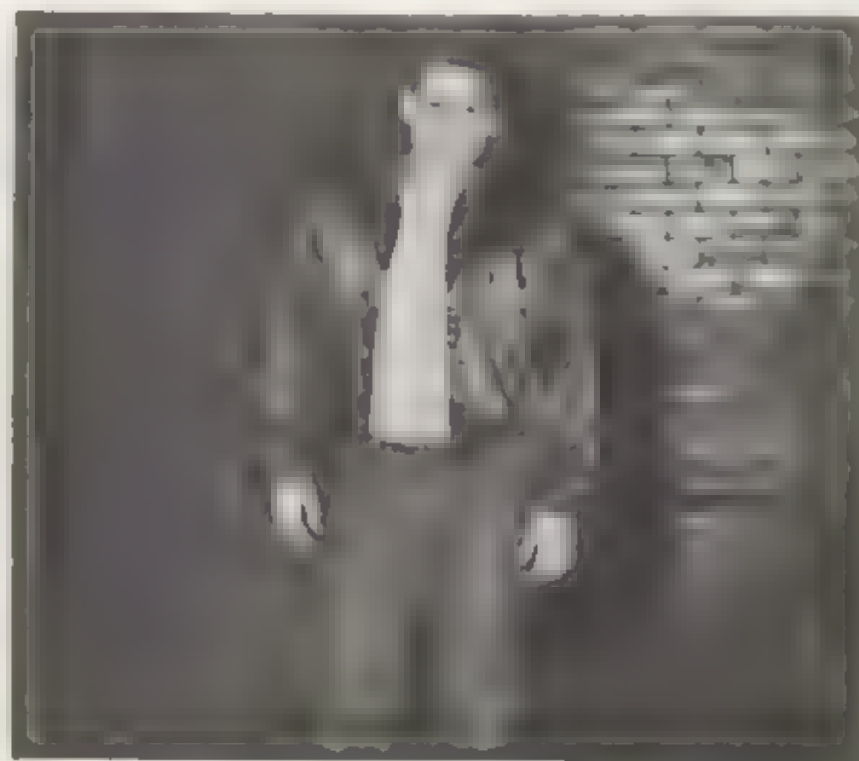




## Basketball is winter's exciting sport

The basketball season of 1955-56 was a success in many ways. Van Wert won a good share of games and best of all, there was renewed interest on the part of the student body. The Cougar cagers were honored to have as a member of their team the high scorer of the league, Don Good. This in itself marks a good team. The best part of the season was tournament time. It seemed to put the whole high school on their toes. The Cougars had a few bad breaks and lost their second game by a very slim margin. We are very proud of this team and its record.

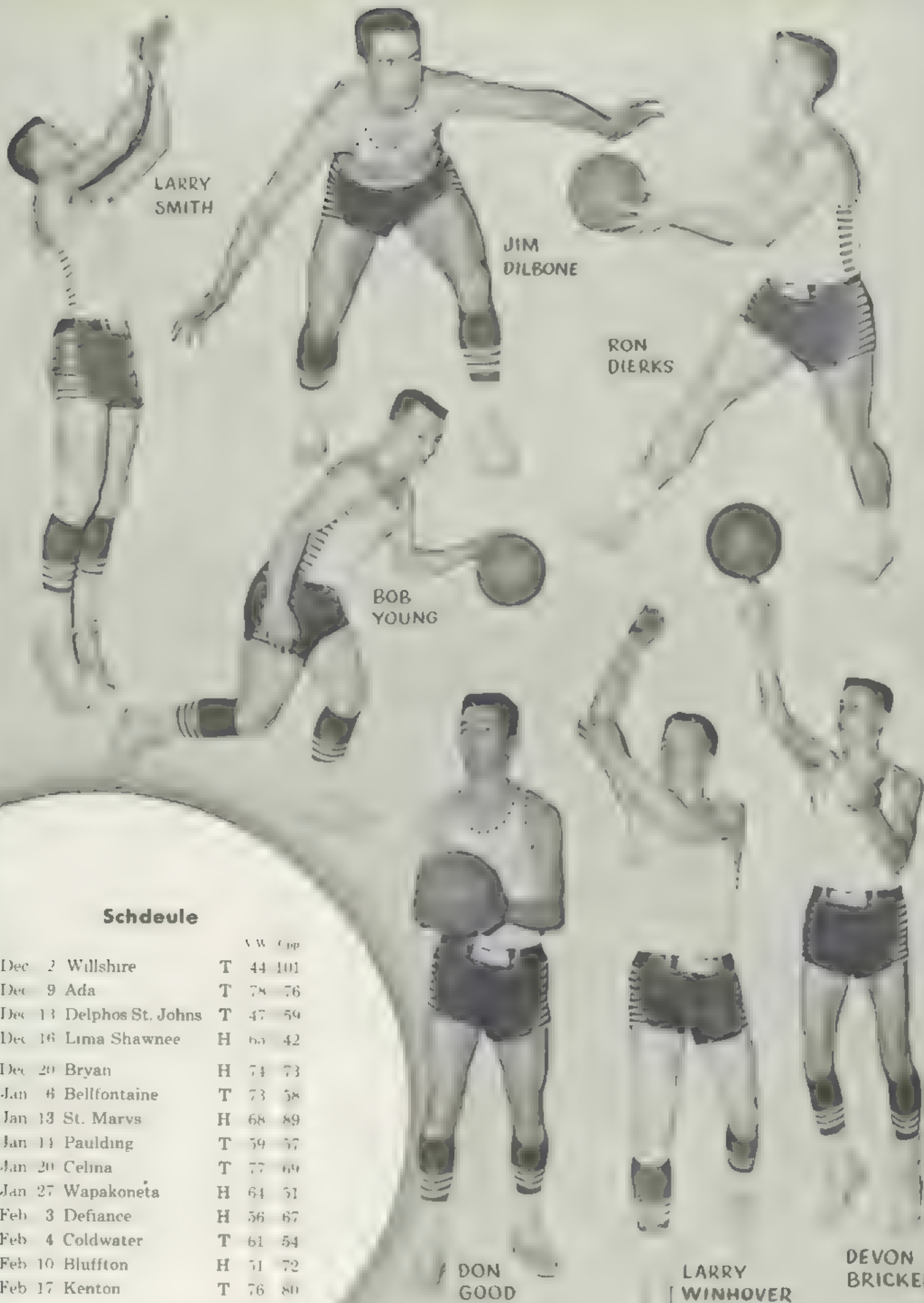
First Row: Devon Bricker, Charles Heath, Bob Young, Jim Dillbone, Jerry Baer, Dave Gamble. Second Row: Don Good, Larry Winhover, Ron Dierks, Larry Duchenev.



**Manager**  
Louis Thomas

**Coach**  
Clarence Cline





### Schdeule

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Dec 2	Willshire	T	44 101
Dec 9	Ada	T	78 76
Dec 13	Delphos St. Johns	T	47 59
Dec 16	Lima Shawnee	H	60 42
Dec 20	Bryan	H	74 73
Jan 4	Bellfontaine	T	73 58
Jan 13	St. Marvs	H	68 89
Jan 14	Paulding	T	59 57
Jan 20	Celina	T	77 69
Jan 27	Wapakoneta	H	64 51
Feb 3	Defiance	H	56 67
Feb 4	Coldwater	T	61 54
Feb 10	Bluffton	H	51 72
Feb 17	Kenton	T	76 80



## Reserve Basketball



### Cheerleaders

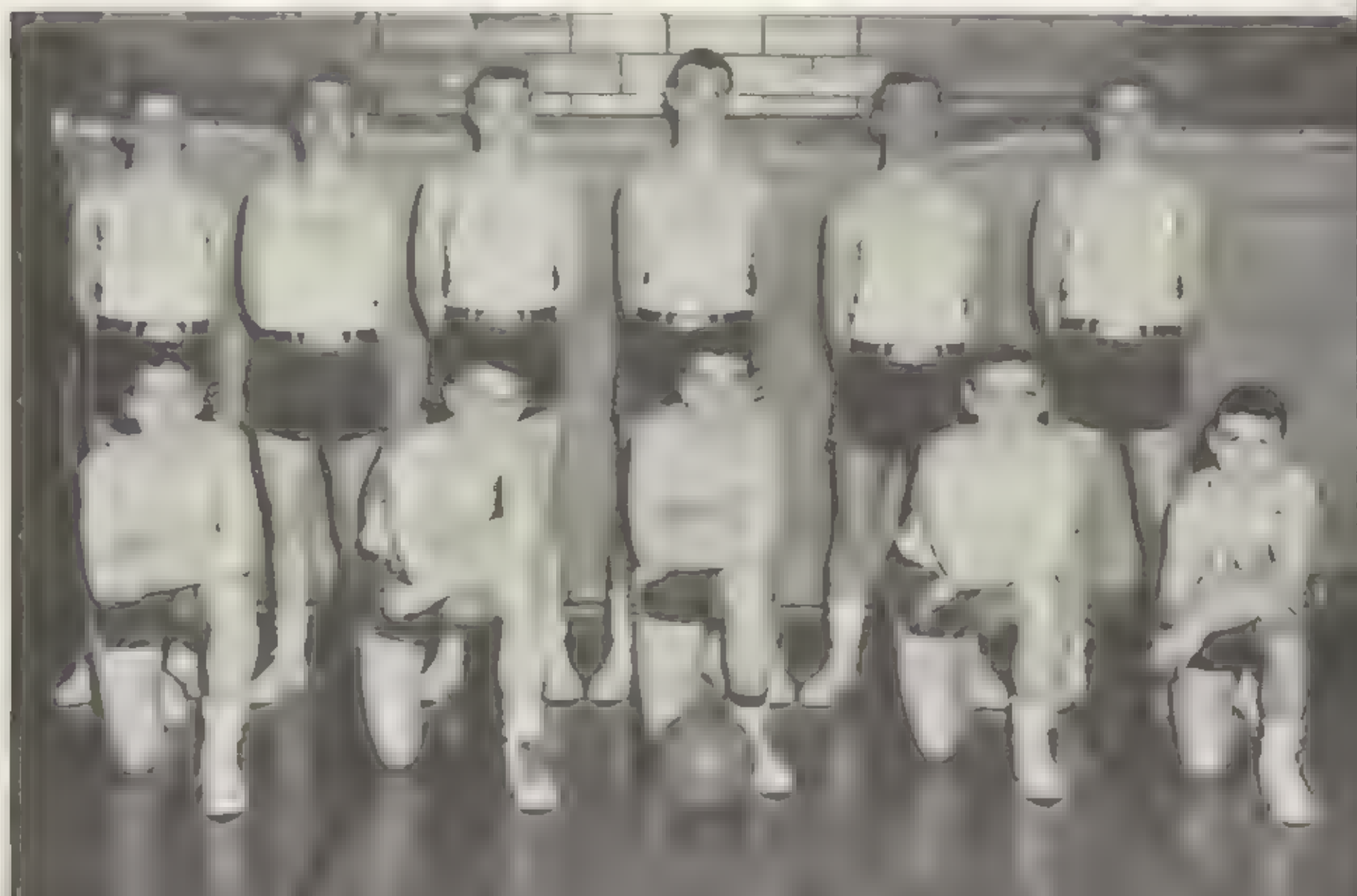
Carol Grindahl, Ann Hartge, Sandra Arnold,  
Marie Lewis, Sandra Miller, Judy McCollum

### Coach

Otis Coon

### Reserves

First Row: Charles Kannev, Howard Shaw, Bill  
Winters, Don Black, Jim Imler. Second Row  
Larry Ducheney, Jerry Baer, Dave Gamble, Jim  
Smith, Paul Schwinnen, Bob Mohr







### Freshman Team

First Row. Tom Reynolds, Larry Holden, Jim Bell, Gary Patterson, Carl Witherow. Second Row Coach Jim Stoops, Don Beck, Rodger Bechtol, Bob Matthias, Charles Ingman





## V-Club members wear the symbol of sportsmanship



The V-Club differs from other organizations in that it is an honor club rather than an activity club. To accept membership in this organization is to accept responsibility in upholding the high ideals of sportsmanship and clean living. Boys who have earned their varsity "V" for successful participation in athletics are eligible for membership.

### Officers

Jim Gilliland, vice president; Tom Harden, president; Devon Bricker, secretary-treasurer.

First Row: Jess Cooper, Bob Young, Tom Harden, Charles Parsons, Harold Haight, Marvin Mihm, Mr. Livingston. Second Row: Art Good, Jim Jones, Larry Deane, Jim Gilliland, Jim Dilbone. Third Row: John Edwards, Don Good, Walter Grunden, Dave Gamble, Louis Davidson. Fourth Row: Larry Smith, Devon Bricker, Bill Fowler, Ronnie Miller, Ronnie Dicks.











First Row: B. Gilliland, B. Germann, J. Runyon, J. Prior, J. Harden, B. Hirt, Mr. Coon. Second Row: A. Tanner, L. Eckenbary, P. Wable, L. Kirchenbauer, L. Bagley, V. Miller, M. Brooks, J. Williams, J. Bennett, S. Thompson. Third Row: S. Willett, L. Whitcraft, M. Price, C. Scott, B. Datta, J. Fauble, D. Weck, L. Bate, J. Monce, S. Coomba, L. Feasby, N. Tinker. Fourth Row: L. Lehman, J. Jones, J. Leonard, T. Giessler, F. Gilland, R. Milner, D. Elzey, C. Griffiths, L. Pennel.

## Masque and Gavel develops dramatic talent

The Masque and Gavel Society is an organization open to students interested in any phase of speech, such as dramatics, declamation, and debate. Although it is a new organization this year, it has an unusually large membership of thirty-seven members. This year's officers were Jim Jones, president, Miriam Price, vice president, and Linda Bagley, secretary-treasurer. These people also held these same offices for the National Thespian group which was organized just this year. Mr. Coon, the speech teacher, is the adviser for both organizations.





### National Thespians

First Row: Clyde Coon, Advisor; General, Janice Prior, Sally Thompson, Secretary, Scott Miller, Miriam Price. Second Row: Linda Hagley, Linda Kirchenbauer, Lynne Eikenbary, Shirley Duat, Virginia Miller, Bennett, Barbara Ditto, Judy Harden, Joyce Williams, Mary Brooks. Third Row: Anita Tanner, Bob Young, Jim Jones, Chris Griffiths, Terry Devine, Jim Leonard, Frank Gilland, John Smith, Vern Laing, Mr. Coon.

#### Officers

Miriam Price, vice president; Jim Jones, president; Linda Hagley, secretary-treasurer.

#### Adviser

Mr. Clyde Coon

#### Declamation

Lynne Eikenbary (kneeling), Chris Griffiths, Caroline Scott, Joyce Williams, Judy Harden, Jim Jones, Virginia Miller, Frank Gilland, Anita Tanner.

#### Debate

Caroline Scott, Judy Harden, Sally Thompson, Chris Griffiths, Jim Jones, Mary Brooks, Jim Leonard, Anita Tanner.







## Assemblies

Friday afternoons during football and basketball seasons, yells and cheers could be heard issuing from the study hall. Although pep assemblies made up the bulk of the programs others were centered around holidays, entertainment, and the giving of awards. Miss Merton's fifty foot speech, Anita Tanner's Easter presentation from the *Terrible Meek*, and the launching of the Student Loan Fund are a few of the assemblies which we shall always remember





## Sophomore Class forges ahead in school citizenship

This year when we entered Van Wert High School, we were no longer little "greenies", but we were not yet upper classmen. After getting settled and electing officers we began to take a definite part in school life.

Representing us in athletics were Larry Bowersock, Danny Butler, Larry Feeney, Roger Gipe, Onley Heath, Larry Johnson, Jim Imler, Charles Kanney, Robert Mohr, Jerry Nills, Terry Oetzel, Dick O Mara, Howard Shaw, George White, Jack White, Don Black, and Bill Winters.

At the Homecoming activities, our attendant to the queen was Nancy Williman. We elected Mary Jane Ross, Jim Imler, Ron Sherer, Opal Clouse, Nancy Gipe, and Mary Blake to the Student Council, where Mary Blake was chosen secretary.

In other organizations, we were active too. We furnished all the officers and cabinet members for the Junior Y-Teens. Four of our members served on the G. A. A. cabinet and five served on the Rendezvous Committee. We contributed twenty-six members to the choir and twenty-five to the band. Sally Thompson and Chris Griffiths won places on the reserve debate team.

Cheering the boys on to victory were Diane Folck, varsity cheerleader, and Ann Hartge, reserve cheerleader.

We of the sophomore class have found this year to be a very enjoyable and important one, and we know that the two remaining years in high school will be even better.



Dorothy Laing, treasurer; Mr. Bricker, adviser.  
Opal Clouse, president, Charlene Steele, vice president; Linda Stemem, secretary.



First Row: Judy Archele, Margaret Ellen Ainsworth, Robert Ainsworth

Second Row: Lora Verne Allen, Pat Alvarado, Janet Anderson

Third Row: Diane Ashbaugh, Betty Baker, Lillie Baker

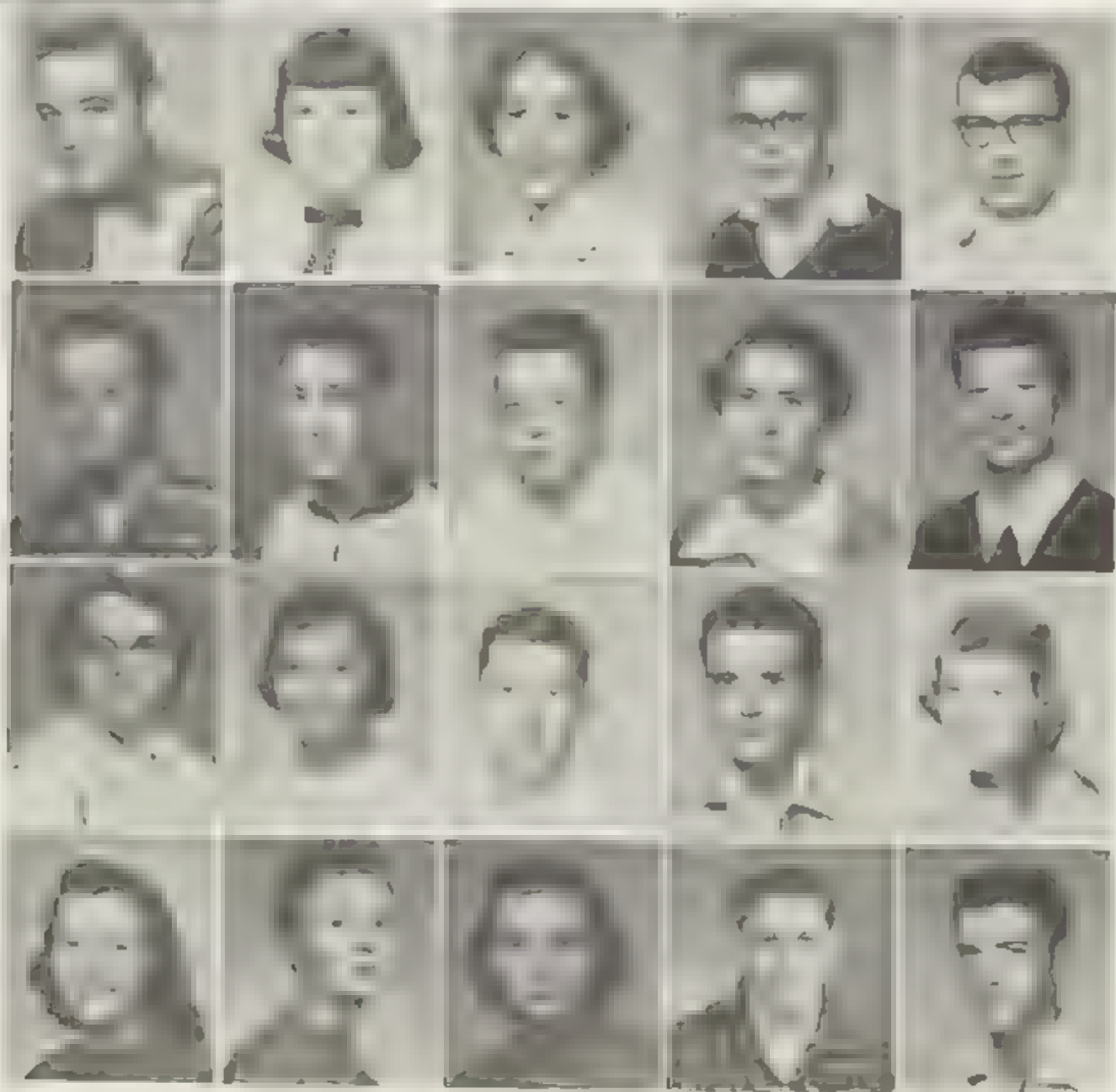
Fourth Row: Robert Baker, Joyce Beall, Jadine Bell

Fifth Row: Don Black, Carolyn Blackmore, Mary Blake, Bob Blank, Larry Bowersock

Sixth Row: Roger Bradford, Reg Burley, Dan Butler, Sharon Case, Opal Clouse

Seventh Row: Peggy Davis, Sandra Dempsey, Charles Ditto, George Dunn, Tonnetta Dustman

Eighth Row: Joyce Feasby, Linda Feasby, Sandra Feasby, Larry Feeney, Harold Felger





First Row: Diane Folck, Bill Foley, Don Ford

Second Row: Wayne Fresner, Dick Gallaway, Beverly Germanu

Third Row: Bob Gilliland, Nancy Gipe, Roger Gipe

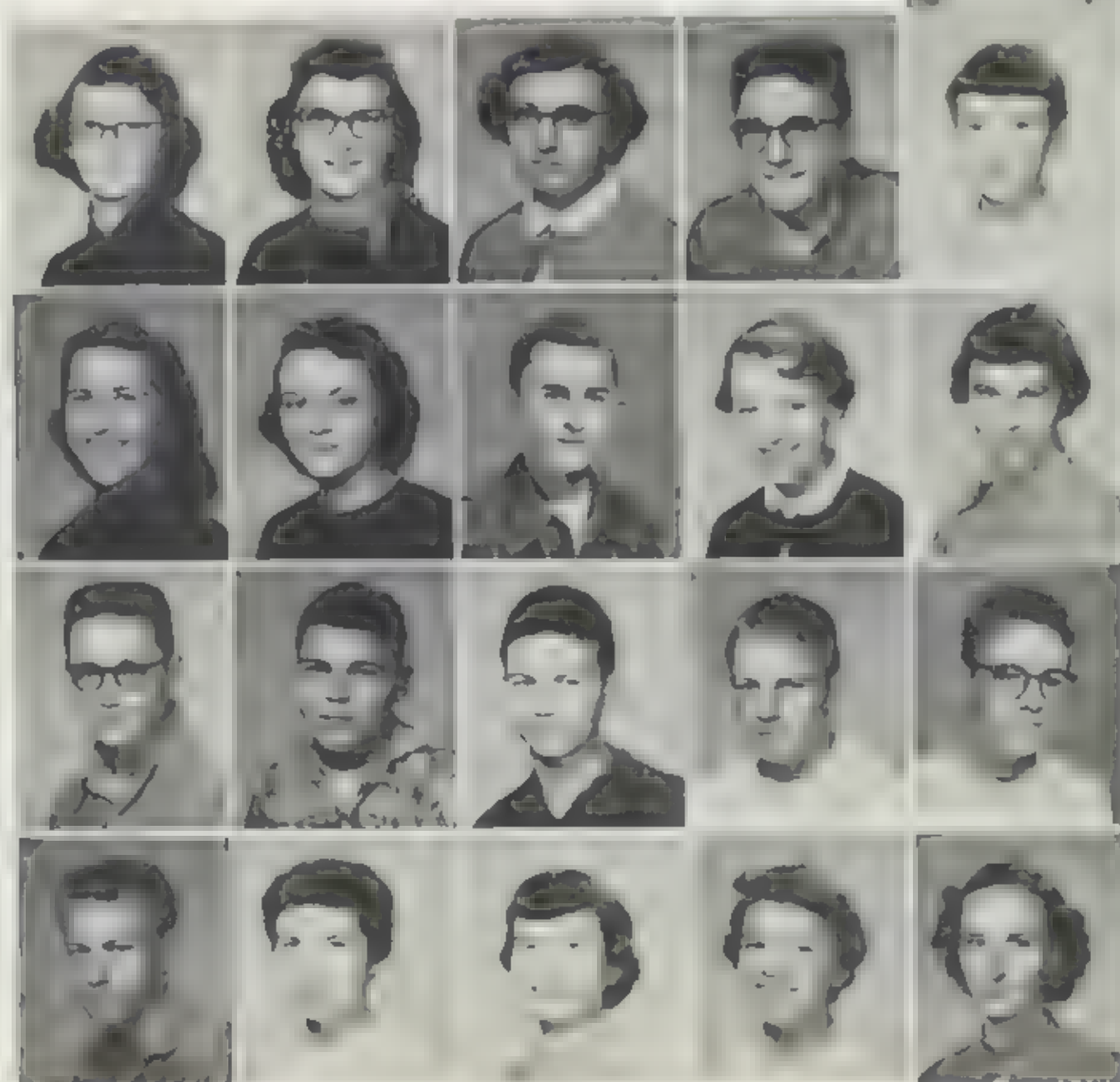
Fourth Row: Barbara Goodwin, Chris Griffiths, Carolyn Grimm

Fifth Row: Jean Hammond, Ann Hartge, Marcia Hartman  
Onley Heath, Martha Height

Sixth Row: Carol Heshner, Anita Hitchcock, Carl Hoghe,  
Lois Hoffman, Barbara Huffine

Seventh Row: Charles Huffine, Jim Imler, Don Johnson  
Larry Johnson, Charles Kanney

Eighth Row: Glenn Kelley, Mary Kohn, Nancy Kohn  
Dorothy Laing, Rosemary Lane







First Row: Peggy McClure, Della Mason, Hilda Mericle

Second Row: Marcie Merkle, David Mohler, Robert Mohr

Third Row: Pat Murphy, David Niles, Jerry Nills

Fourth Row: Terry Oetzel, Dick O'Mara, Myles Parsons

Fifth Row: Larry Pennell, Peg Perry, Carv Proffitt, Nancy Raabe, Dorothy Rhodenbaugh

Sixth Row: Hazel Rhodenbaugh, Helen Roberts, Phyllis Rodman, Loella Rogers, Mary Jane Ross

Seventh Row: Larry Roth, Jona Runnion, Don Ruskaup, Herb Scaer, Ronnie Shaffer

Eighth Row: Dennis Schaffner, Carol Schnepf, Bill Scott, Howard Shaw, Barbara Sheets





First Row Susan Sheldon, Ronnie Sherer, Bill Sherman

Second Row. Kenneth Shook, Lyle Smith, Jim Speer

Third Row. Charlene Steele, Linda Stemen, Doyle Stetler

Fourth Row Evelyn Stevens, Robert Taylor, Sally Thompson

Fifth Row Gary Tomczak, Joyce Tope, Tom Uncapher, Stephen VanKleeck, Meredith Wade

Sixth Row: Karen Wavmire, Beth Ann Weeks, Roger Welker, Jim West, George White

Seventh Row: Jack White, Carolyn Williams, Nancy Willman, Bill Winters, Sharon Wise

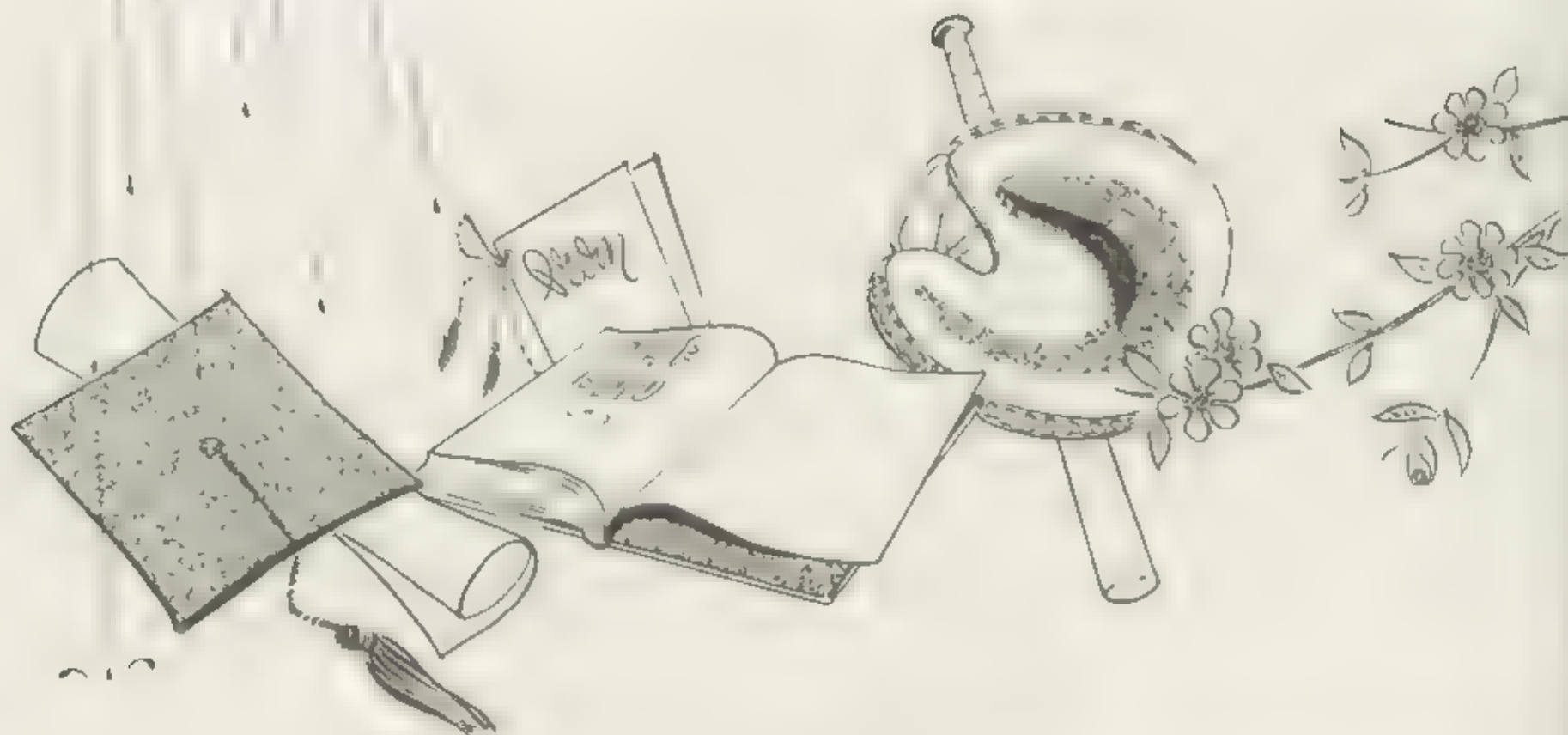
Eighth Row: Sharleen Wiseman, Jim Wollett, John Young





# Spring

Contests, Easter assemblies, baseball, class plays, skipping school, spring fever,





all-night prom, commencement — all these are moments to remember.





## Laeti Latini Join Junior Classical League



1. Mr. Wm. H. Mearns, B. M. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. N. W. \_\_\_\_\_ M. B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. B. \_\_\_\_\_ M. \_\_\_\_\_ H. W. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ W. \_\_\_\_\_ K. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 7. \_\_\_\_\_ H. \_\_\_\_\_ S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. \_\_\_\_\_ N. \_\_\_\_\_ M. \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_ N. \_\_\_\_\_ Fourth \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. \_\_\_\_\_ I. \_\_\_\_\_ S. \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. \_\_\_\_\_ M. \_\_\_\_\_ J. \_\_\_\_\_  
 12. \_\_\_\_\_ M. \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers

146. Latini banquet in true Roman  
style.

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## A black and white photograph of a large group of young women, likely a cheer squad or dance team, posing in three rows. They are wearing light-colored, short-sleeved uniforms with dark skirts. The front row is kneeling, the middle row is standing, and the back row is standing on a slightly elevated platform. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

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 One hundredth Row

Nan Cowan, vice president; Linda Kirchenbauer, president; Linda Longwell, secretary; Dorothy Weck, treasurer





First Row, Shirley Lane, Rosalyn Coffelt, Beverly Cox, Jan Runnion, Janice Stoller, Barbara Ellis, Judy Showalter, Janet McNew, Miss Sawyer. Second Row, Carolyn Gilland, Dessie Eddins, Gertrude Hardman, Phyllis Lane, Carolyn Williams, Joyce Tope, Nedra Wise, Pamela Foster, Linda McCarty, Alice McMichael. Third Row: Jean Hammonds, Jona Runnion, Florence Zinsmeister, Linda Krick, Mary Mohler, Linda Terry, Ann Feenev, Lois Parsons, Rachael Balliet

## F. H. A. practice gracious living

The theme, Training today makes leaders tomorrow, led the Future Homemakers of America through a good year, beginning with wiener roasts, continuing with a Halloween party, installation of officers, programs on creative hobbies, and a record hop.

The Executive Council included the officers: Mrs. Eugene Runnion, chapter mother; and Miss Mary Sawyer, adviser.

### Officers

Jan Runnion (center), president; Dessie Eddins, secretary; Jona Runnion, treasurer; Ann Feenev, historian.



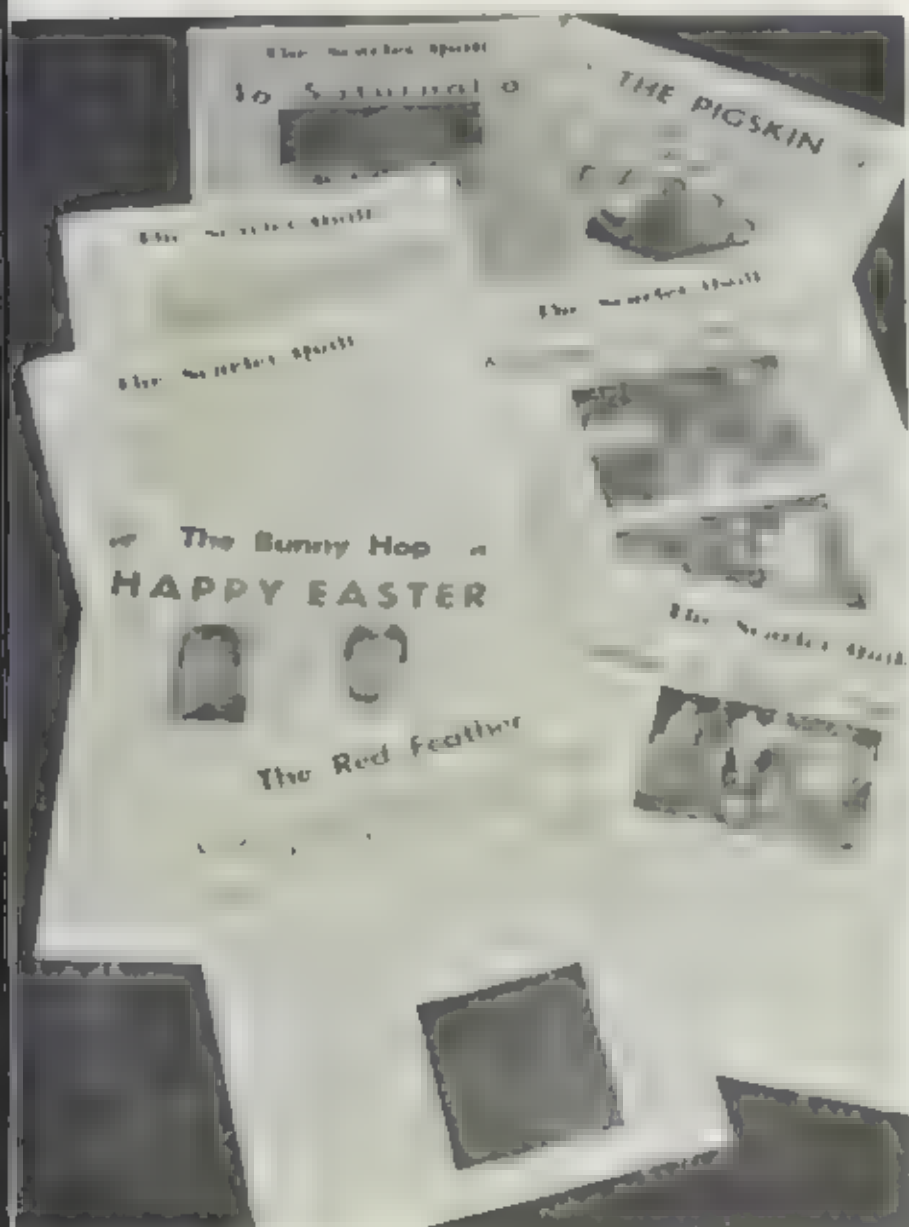




First Row Virginia Miller, Shirley Dustman, Phyllis Gribler, Linda Kirchenbauer Second Row Mr Coon, Bill Kester, Bill Feasby, Bob Young

## Scarlet Quill — the ears and eyes of Van Wert High

Headlines tell the story

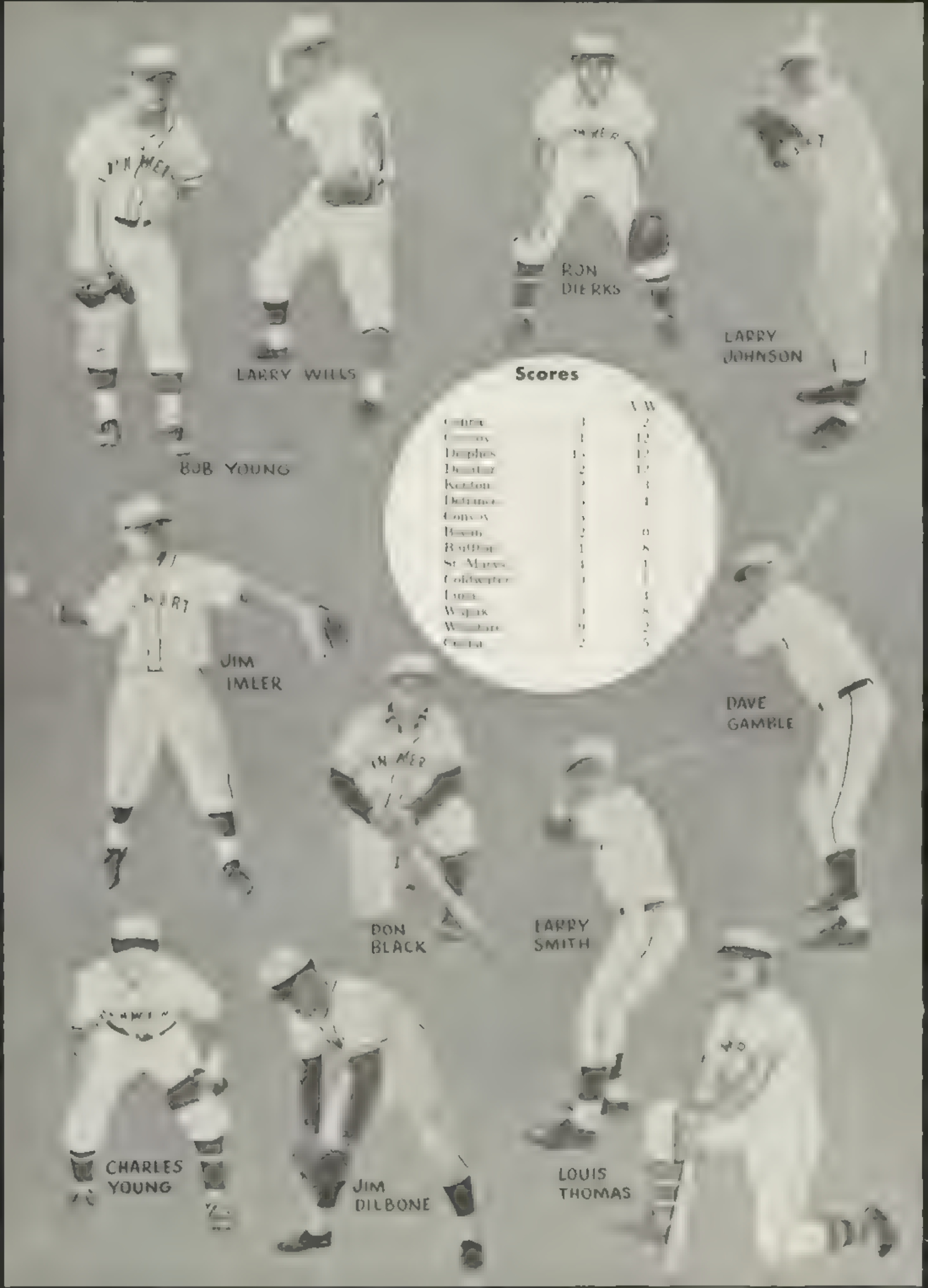


Our school newspaper, the Scarlet Quill, was published by the journalism class. During the school year, nine interesting and informative issues, with new and unusual features, were published to keep students up-to-date on school activities. The Quill staff, together with the Excalibur staff, sponsored the Homecoming activities. Phyllis Gribler and Shirley Dustman served as editors-in-chief this year, and Mr Clyde Coon, journalism teacher, was the adviser

Shirley Dustman, second semester editor, and Phyllis Gribler, first semester editor, inspect final copy







### Scores

		VW
Conroy	1	2
Conroy	1	12
Duplos	15	12
Dunbar	2	12
Kerton	3	3
Dunbar	3	4
Conroy	3	0
Conroy	2	0
Ruffin	1	8
St. Marys	4	1
Goldwater	1	1
Conroy	1	3
Wojcik	1	8
Wojcik	0	2
Conroy	2	5

LARRY WILLS

BOB YOUNG

JIM  
IMLER

DON  
BLACK

LARRY  
SMITH

DAVE  
GAMBLE

CHARLES  
YOUNG

JIM  
DILBONE

LOUIS  
THOMAS

LARRY  
JOHNSON

RON  
DIERKS



## Baseball — Cougars complete 10-5 season

The Cougar nine had a good season this spring despite bad weather. Although the boys weren't able to play all their league games, they were beaten in league play only by St. Mary's. Van Wert went to the finals in the sectional tournament at Defiance and was beaten by a team that went to the state tournament at Columbus.

Seniors Bob Young on the mound, Jim Dilbone at third base, and Larry Wills in several positions furnished power both on the field and at bat.

The Cougars had a well rounded team this year; and since they lost only three men through graduation, the prospects for next year are bright.

First Row: Larry Johnson, Dave Shupe, Charles Ingman, Rod Johnson, Larry Krencher, Ronnie Thatcher. Second Row: Bob Young, Don Black, Jim Dilbone, Jim Imler, Coach Cline. Third Row: Louis Thomas, Larry Wills, Larry Smith, Reg Burlev, Dave Gamble, Jerry Nills.

### Coach

Clarence Cline







John Ross S H K Kennedy S W  
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D D B M S T S  
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## Doug proves clarinet prowess

## At ease







## Concert Band

The concert band presents summer concerts, Christmas vespers with the choir, and a formal spring concert, and takes part in baccalaureate and commencement exercises.

This spring, after receiving a superior, or one, rating in the district contest in Lima, the band went to Columbus for the state contest. It was the first year that Van Wert had participated in the state competition, and we were proud to return home with an excellent, or two, rating. Several band members also received excellent and superior ratings in district and state solo and ensemble contests.

The Band Parents Organization as well as band concerts helped earn money for new uniforms, instruments, and travel expenses. In the past several years, the band has purchased concert and street drums, tympani, chimes, baritone horns, and bass clarinets, giving a new depth to the sound of the band.



Satisfaction

**Director**  
Mr. Herbert Jones





## Career Day

For the first time in several years Van Wert High School held Career Day. On March 15, no regular classes met, and the students attended special meetings at the high school. A general session was held in the morning. Dr. Walter A. Zaugg, professor from Ohio Northern University, gave the keynote speech, "This Is Your Day." He listed four points for successfully reaching one's goal. During the remainder of the day, students attended discussion periods covering thirty-one topics. Everyone agreed that Career Day was an informative and valuable experience.



### The Career Day Staff

Dr. Greer discussing Going to College

Miss Imler and Miss Hartman representing nursing  
Student Council Guides





### DAR Contestants

Van Wert High School was represented by Karen Katterheinrich and Mary Brooks (at right).

### Junior Rotarians

Each year a group of senior boys is chosen to attend Rotary meetings. This year eleven boys were so honored.

First Row: Tom Harden, Jim Gilliland, Jim Dilbone. Second Row: Bill Gilland, Jim Leonard, Tom Giessler, Frank Gilland. Third Row: Bob Young, Vern Laing, Art Good, Jerry Gribler





## Scholarship Teams win district and state honors



### Languages and Social Studies

First Row: Marcia Agler, Phil Holtkamp, Dorothy Laing, Dorothy Weck. Second Row: Karen Geisman, Dennis Schaffner, Carl Hoghe, John Young, Sandy Willett. Third Row: Rita Brown, Reg Burley, Jane Johnson, Marcile Merkle, Andrea Scarpelli. Fourth Row: Elaine Mericle, Mike Pheneger, Marge Buecker, Charlene Bate, Phil Jarvis. Not pictured but taking the test, Janet Fauble and Kathy Wicks.

### English

First Row: Mary Ellen Keith, Nancy Louth, Corrine Katterheinrich. Second Row: Sally Thompson, Linda Steinen, Lora Verne Allen. Third Row: Sally Coombs, Judy Harden, Barbara Hirn. Fourth Row: Anita Tanner, Joyce Williams, Mary Brooks.

### Science

First Row: Nancy Kwan, Jim Bohan, Barbara McDonald. Second Row: Donald Eley, Dick O'Mara, Jerry Gribler, David Fell. Third Row: Vee Lung, Tom Harden, Dennis Dersham, Harvey Ireton. Not pictured but taking the test, Larry Pennell.

### Mathematics and Bookkeeping

First Row: Martha Height, Dorothy Doner. Second Row: Betty Baker, Nan Cowan, Karen Katterheinrich. Third Row: Louis Crow, Alan Rinard. Fourth Row: Bob Mohr, Bill Scott, Roger Martin. Not pictured but taking the test, Terry Devino and Jim Speer.





# National Honor Society — scholarship, leadership, character, service



First Row: Margie Buecker, Mary Brooks, Joyce Williams, Linda Bagley, Tom Harden, Rachel Morris, Anita Tanner, Karen Katterheinrich, Jerry Gribler, Sheila Hallam, Second Row: Mary Brooks, Joyce Williams, Margie Buecker, Linda Bagley, Tom Harden, Rachel Morris, Anita Tanner, Karen Katterheinrich, Jerry Gribler, Sheila Hallam, Dustman, Sally Coombs, Vern Laung, Roger Martin, Terry Devine, Dennis Dersheim, Charlene Brown, Nancy Cowan, Lynne Eikenbary, Barbara McDonald, Dorothy Wick, Mrs. White.

Van Wert High School received its charter to start a chapter of the National Honor Society in 1930. Since that time there have been four hundred fifty one members from our school added to the roll.

The members are selected for their outstanding character, their willingness to render service, their ability to lead, and their high rank in scholarship.



## Two-Year Members

First Row: Sheila Hallam, secretary; Linda Bagley, vice president; Tom Harden, president; Rachel Morris, treasurer. Second Row: Mary Brooks, Joyce Williams, Margie Buecker, Jerry Gribler, Karen Katterheinrich, Anita Tanner, Mrs. White.



## Seniors present inspiring performance of THE ROBE



"The Robe," a drama adapted from Lloyd Douglas's novel of the same title, was presented by the senior class May 4 and 5, and was directed by Mr. Clyde Coon. The play centers around the crucifixion of Christ and the part His robe plays in the lives of several people, especially Diana and Marcellus, who go to their death willingly for their new faith, Christianity. The Lincoln auditorium was filled both nights with an appreciative audience, which witnessed fine performances by all members of the large cast.

### Cast

Marcellus Gallio, Roman Officer	...	Jerry Gribler
Demetrius, Marcellus's slave	.....	Vern Laing
Cornelia, the Emperor's son	.....	Larry Lehman
Gallio, Marcellus's father	.....	Jim Jones
Tiberius, Roman Emperor	.....	Jim O'Mara
Pontius Pilate	.....	Frank Gilland
Melas, Greek slave	.....	Walt Grunden
Captain Fulvius	.....	Tom Giessler
Quintus Lucian	.....	Bob Young
Centurion Paulus	.....	Bob Exline
Sarpedon, the physician	.....	Phil Jarvis
Simon Peter	.....	Frank Gilland
Diana Gallus	.....	Lynne Eikenbary
Lucia Gallio, Marcellus's sister	...	Virginia Miller
Cornelia Gallio, Marcellus's mother	...	Joyce Williams
Phoebe Eupolis	.....	Anita Tanner
Theodosia Eupolis	.....	Shirley Dustman
Salome	.....	Linda Bagley
Helen	.....	Charlene Bate
Women	.....	Linda Kirchenbauer, Rita Brown, Elaine Mericle, Phyllis Gribler
Soldiers	.....	Jess Cooper, Ray Timm
Director	.....	Mr. C. F. Coon







First Row: Violet Miller, Elsie Moore, Phyllis Gordon, Ruth Brown, Linda Wood, Edith Lee, Vera Weaver, Susan Row, Jane Casser, Shirley D. Smith, Jeanette Gordon, Jane Davidson, Leta Lee, and Mary Alice Chubb. (Note: The original text is very faint and partially illegible; this is a transcription of what appears to be the intended list.)

Second Row: Alice Turner, Bob Young, Third Row: Ray Turner, Mr. Cook, Phil Jones, Arden Lee, Frank Gordon, Ed O'Mara, Walter Gordon, Bob Evans, and Mrs. Jones. (Note: The original text is very faint and partially illegible; this is a transcription of what appears to be the intended list.)







## Seniors 1956

### Officers

Devon Bricker, vice president; Tom Harden, president; Rita Brown, treasurer; Frank Gilland, secretary; Mr. Gallapoo, adviser.

Well, it was here at last, our final year in high school. We selected our class officers with the gravity befitting those of our stature.

Our class assumed its position of leadership. Acting as presidents of school organizations were Linda Kirchenbauer, Senior Y-Teens, Karen Katterheinrich, GAA; Bill Emerick, VFC; Jim Jones, Student Council, Sheila Hallam, FTA, Vern Laing, Hi-Y, and Tom Harden, National Honor Society and V-Club.

Sue Farlow, Linda Bagley, and Elaine Mericle cheered the athletic teams to victory. Linda Kirchenbauer, Sue Willman, Rachel Morris, Beverly Blake, and Lynnda Learey lent color to the band as they pranced down the field in their majorette uniforms.

Seniors contributing to the football team's success were Jess Cooper, Ron Miller, Harold Haight, Marvin Malm, Walter Grunden, Art Good, Paul Sargent, Jim Gilland, Tom Harden, Bob Young, Jim Jones, and Jim Dilbone, the latter two being singled out to receive honors for their spectacular feats with the pigskin.

Linda Kirchenbauer and Sue Willman were Queen and Senior Attendant respectively for the 1956 homecoming festivities.

On the basketball team were Bob Young, Jim Dilbone, Devon Bricker, and Larry Winhover, on the baseball team were Bob Young, Jim Dilbone, and Larry Wills.

Karen Katterheinrich and Mary Brooks were DAR contestants for the local chapter, and Joyce Williams was a state winner of the American Legion essay contest. Anita Tanner, Mary Brooks, Linda Bagley, Margie Buecker, Rachel Morris, Karen Katterheinrich, Sheila Hallam, Joyce Williams, Jerry Gribber, and Tom Harden were elected to the National Honor Society their junior year, and Vern Laing, Lynne Eikenbary, Charlene Bate, Shirley Dustman, and Dennis Dershem in their senior year. Eleven boys were designated as Junior Rotarians.

The Senior class play, "The Robe" had many of our number in its cast. Seniors, we have closed the door on one phase of our life and opened it on another.

### MARCIA ANN AGLER

Chorus 1, 2; Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Staff 4; Scholarship Teams: English 2, Spanish 4

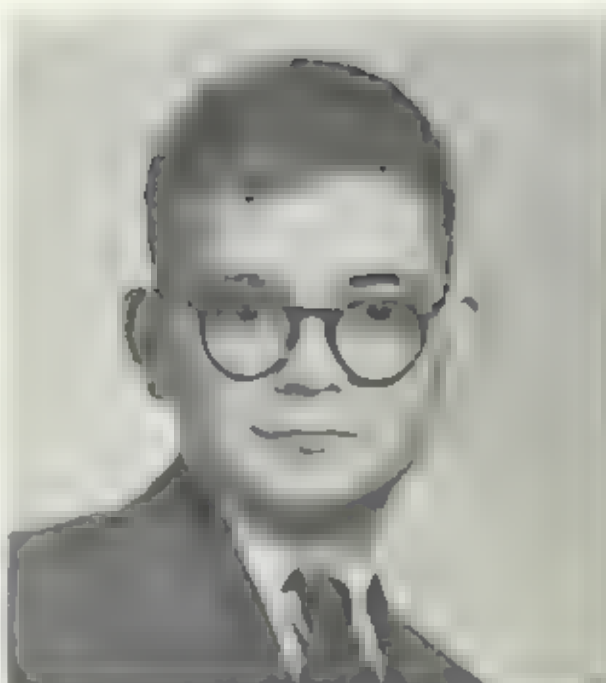




JERRY BAER

LINDA SUE BAGLEY

Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Class vice president 3; GAA 1,2,3,4; GAA cabinet 4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens cabinet 2; National Honor Society 3,4; National Honor Society vice president 4; National Thespians secretary-treasurer 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Masque and Gavel secretary-treasurer 4; Latin Club 4; Reserve cheerleader 1; Varsity cheerleader 2,3,4; Class play 3,4; Scholarship Team, Biology 2; Prom Committee 3; Commencement announcement committee 4; Girls' State alternate 3



CHARLENE BATE

Band 2; Choir 1,2,3; Y-Teens 4; National Honor Society 4; Class play 1; Scholarship team Senior Social Studies 4



JANET BECK

Y-Teens 3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; GAA vice president 4; GAA cabinet 2; Excalibur Staff 4



JAMES R. BENFIELD

Hi-Y 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Boys' Intramurals 2,3

BEVERLY ANN BLAKE

Band 2,3,4; majorette 4; Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; GAA 2,3,4; GAA cabinet 4; Excalibur Staff 4



SHIRLEY ANN BOHNER

FHA 1

HILDA D. BOROFF

GAA 2,3,4; FHA 1; Excalibur Staff 4





**PATRICIA ANN BOROFF**  
Band 1,2,3,4, Chorus 2; Y-Teens 4,  
GAA 4; Excalibur Staff 4



**DEVON BRICKER**  
Basketball 2,3,4; varsity 3,4; Class  
vice president 4; Hi-Y 3,4; Hi-Y secre-  
tary 4; V-club secretary-treasurer 4;  
Student Council 3; Excalibur Staff 4,  
Class Play 3; Prom Committee 3



**MARY PRISCILLA BROOKS**  
Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4, Y-Teens 1,2  
3,4; Y-Teens cabinet 2,3, GAA 1,2,3,4  
GAA cabinet 2; National Honor Society  
3,4; National Thespians 4; Masque and  
Gavel 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Latin Club  
4; DAR Contestant 4; Debate Team 4  
Class Play 3; Scholarship Teams, Latin  
1,2; English 3,4



**RITA JOAN BROWN**  
Band 2,3,4; Class treasurer 3,4; Ex-  
calibur Staff 4; Class plays 3,4; Scholar-  
ship teams, Plane Geometry 1; Spanish  
II 4

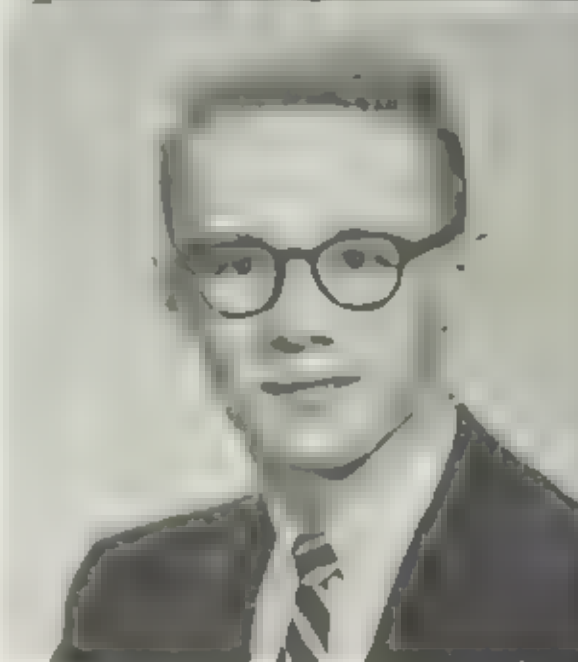
**MARGIE LOU BUECKER**  
Chorus 1; National Honor Society  
3,4; FHA 1; Scholarship teams, World  
History 2; American government 4

**ALLEN R. CLOUSE**  
Basketball 1



**GARY R. COBB**  
Band 1,2, Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4, Boys  
ensemble 3,4, Basketball 1; Hi-Y 3,4;  
Student Council 4; Excalibur Staff 4;  
Class Play 3

**JESSE L. COOPER**  
Chorus 1,2; Choir 3,4; Boys ensemble  
3,4, Football varsity 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 3,4,  
Hi-Y chaplain 4; Hi-Y cabinet 3; V-  
club 3,4; Excalibur Staff 4; FFA 2,3,  
Class play 4; Prom Committee 3



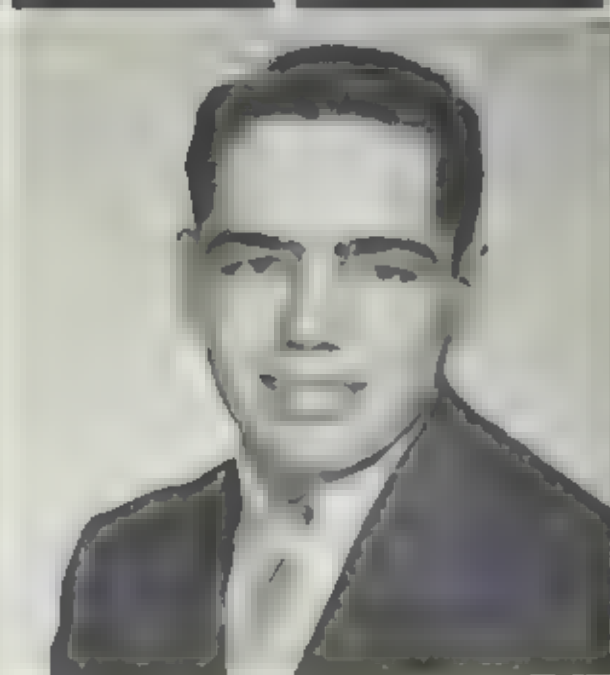


**BEVERLY M COX**  
FHA 4

**MIKE DeMOSS**  
Freshman Football 1

**DENNIS EUGENE DERSHEM**  
Band 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur 4; Latin Club 4; Scholarship Teams 1,2,3,4, General Science, Plane Geometry, Chemistry, Physics.

**JIM LEE DILBONE**  
Football 1,2,3,4; Varsity 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Varsity 3,4; Baseball 1, 2,3,4; Varsity 2,3,4; V Club 2,3,4; Hi-Y, 3,4



**SHIRLEY ANN DUSTMAN**  
Band 1,2,3,4, Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4, Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 4; National Thespians 4; Masque and Gavel 4, FTA 2,3,4; Excalibur Staff 4; Scarlet Quill Staff Editor 4; Latin Club 4; Declamation Team 4; Class Play 3,4; Prom Committee 3

**DESSIE B EDDINS**  
Y-Teens 2,3; GAA 1,2,3; FHA 4, Excalibur 4, Red Echo Quill Staff (Delphos Jefferson); Junior Class Play (Delphos Jefferson)



**M. LYNNE EIKENBARY**  
Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2, 3,4; Y-Teens cabinet 2,3; National Honor Society 4; National Thespians 4; Masque and Gavel 4; FTA 3,4; FTA vice president 4; Student Council 1,2, Excalibur Staff 4; Declamation Team original oratory 3; humorous 4; Class play 3,4; Prom Committee 3, One-act plays 3; Girls' ensemble 2,3,4

**WILLIAM B EMRICK**  
Chorus 1; V-Club 3,4; VIC 3,4; VIC president 4; Student Council 2; Football 1; Basketball 2,3; Varsity 3





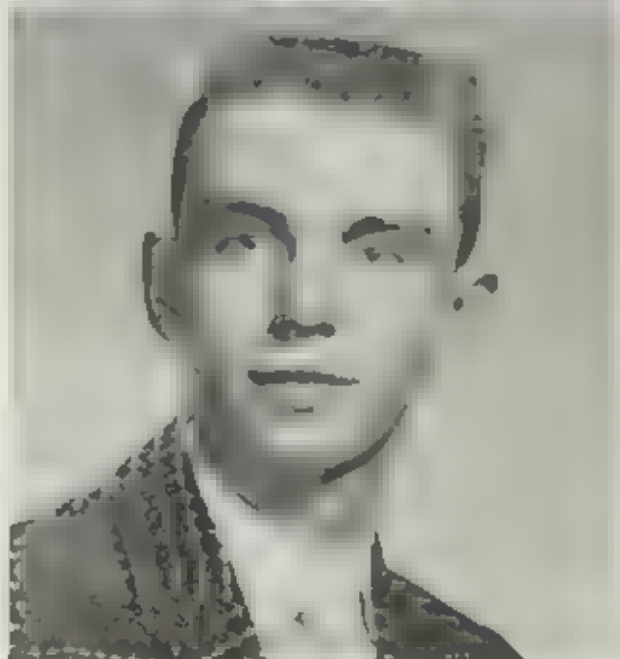
**ROBERT EXLINE**

Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2.; Hi-Y 3,4;  
Excalibur Staff 4, Class play 3,4



**KAREN SUE FARLOW**

Chorus 1; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; vice president 2; Cabinet 4; GAA 1,2; FTA 3,4; treasurer 4; Student Council 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Rendezvous Committee 1, 2,3,4; secretary 1,2.; vice president 4 Latin Club 4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4 Reserve 1; Varsity 2,3,4



**JANET IRIS GALLASPIE**

Y-Teens 4; Excalibur Staff 4



**TERRY JOE GAMBLE**

Chorus 1; Choir 2; Football 1

**JAMES L. GEISMAN**

Football 1,2; VIC 3,4; VIC treasurer 3



**TOM GIESSLER**

Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Class vice president 2; Hi-Y 3,4; National Thespians 4; Excalibur Staff 4; FFA 1,2,3, Class play 3,4; Junior Rotarian 4



**WILLIAM FEASBY**

Hi-Y 3,4, Scarlet Quill Staff 4; Quill Business Manager 4



**ARNELL FAST**

Chorus 2; Choir 3,4; Football; Hi-Y 4





**FRANK LYNN GILLAND**

Chorus 1; Choir 2 3,4; Boys Ensemble 3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; Hi-Y reporter 4; National Thespians 4; Masque and Gavel 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Class secretary 4; Declamation Team original oratory 4; Class play 3,4; One-act plays 3; One-act play director; Junior Rotarian 4

**WILLIAM GILLAND**

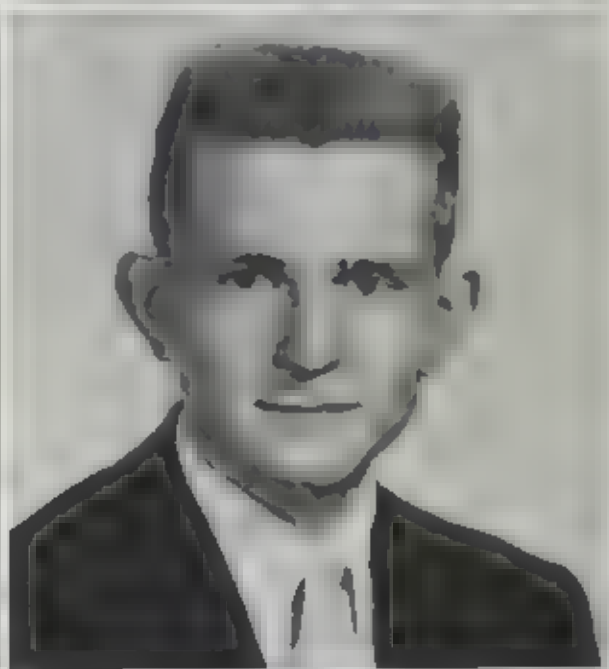
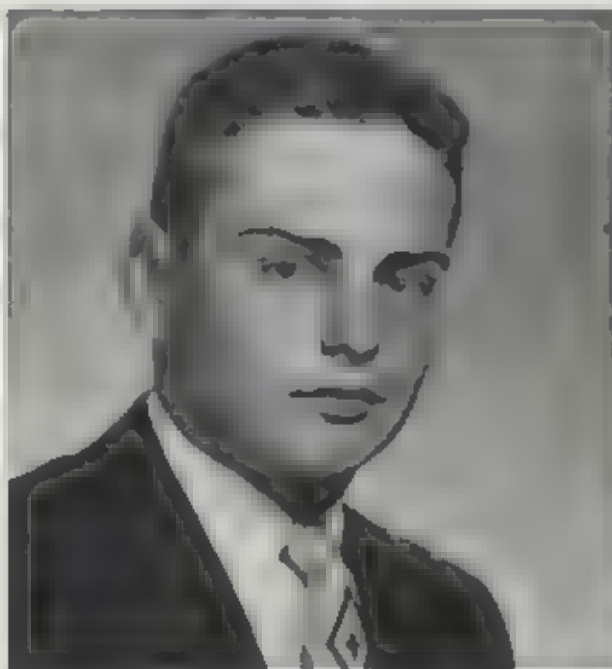
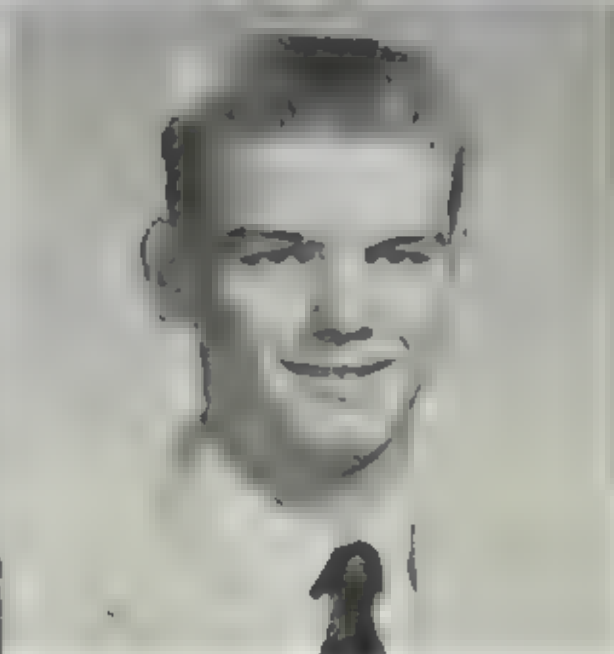
Hi-Y 3 4; Junior Rotarian 4

**BARBARA GILLILAND**

Chorus 1,2; Choir 3; GAA 1 2; Masque and Gavel 4; FTA 2,3,4; Excalibur Staff 4

**JAMES E. GILLILAND**

Chorus 1,2; Choir 3,4; Boys Ensemble 1; Football 1,2,3 4; Varsity 2 3 4; Basketball 1; Baseball 2; V-club 3,4; V-club vice president 4; Hi-Y 3,4; FFA 1, 2,3,4; FFA vice president 3, president 4; Junior Rotarian 4



**ARTHUR LEWIS GOOD**

Chorus 1,2; Choir 3,4; Football 1 2 3 4; Varsity 2,3,4; One-act plays 3; Junior Rotarian 4; National Thespians 4

**JERRY L. GRIBLER**

Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; Choir 2 3,4; Boys ensemble 3,4; National Thespians 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Excalibur Staff 4; Excalibur business manager; Latin Club 4; Class Play 3,4; Scholarship Teams science 1, biology 2, history 3, physics 4; Junior Rotarian 4; Boys' State Delegate 3



**PHYLLIS DIANE GRIBLER**

Chorus 1,2; Choir 3,4; Y-Teens 1,2, 3,4; Quill Staff 4; Quill Editor and Business Manager; Senior Class Play; Excalibur Staff 4; GAA 2

**WALTER T. GRUNDEN**

Football 1,2,3,4; Varsity 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; FFA vice president 3; Senior Class Play; V-Club 3 4





**HAROLD D. GORDON HALL III**  
Chorus 1,2; Choir 3,4; Intramurals 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Varsity 2,3,4; V-Club 3,4; Student Council 3; FFA 1,2; FFA Sentinel 2



**SHEILA V. HALL**  
Chorus 1,2; Y-Teens 1,2; GAA 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; Excalibur Staff 4



**CHARLENE HALLIWELL**  
GAA 1,2,3; VIC secretary 4



**LEWIS DeWAYNE HAMMONS**

**THOMAS CHARLES HARDEN**  
Football 1,2,3,4; Varsity 2,3,4; Freshman 1; Basketball 1,2,3; Varsity 1,2,3; Baseball Varsity 1,2,3; Class President 1,4; Hi-Y 3,4; Hi-Y Reporter 3; Hi-Y Secretary 4; V-Club 3,4; V-Club President 4; National Honor Society 3,4; National Honor Society President 4; Student Council 1,2,3,4; Rendezvous Committee 1,2,3,4; Junior Rotarian 4; One-act Plays 3; Scholarship Teams 4; Physics Committees; Prom 3; Ring and Pin 3; Commencement Announcements 4



**CHARLES HEATH**  
Football 1



**SAM HALLER**  
Basketball 1,2,3; Varsity; VIC secretary 3





**ROBERT J. HOLMES**

Chorus 1; Basketball 1,3; Freshman 1; Varsity 3; Freshman Football 1; Baseball 1,2; VIC 3,4; VIC Reporter 4

**LARRY R. HOUSTON**

**PHILIP JARVIS**

Choir 2,3,4; Chorus 1; Hi-Y 1; Excilbur Staff 4; Boys' Ensemble 1; Class Play 4; Scholarship Teams 1,3,4; science, American history, social science

**MARGARET JEROME**

Band 1; Chorus 1; Choir 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3; Y-Teens secretary 2



**LARRY L. JOHNS**

VIC 4

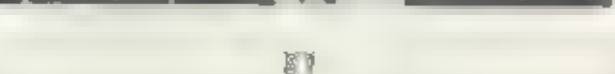
**JAMES BRUCE JONES**

Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Freshman basketball 1; Class vice president 1; Class president 2; V-Club 3; National Thespians president 4; Mace and Gavel 4; Debate 1; Debate Team 4; Debate Class Play 4; One-act Plays 3; Commencement Announcement Committee 4; Intramurals 2; Student Council 2,3,4; Student Council President 4



**TREVA KAREN KATTERHEINRICH**

Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens treasurer 3; GAA 1,2,3,4; GAA secretary 3; GAA president 4; Excilbur Staff 1; Capital DAR contest 1; Class Play 3; FIA 4; Scholarship Teams 2; algebra bookkeeping; English; National Honor Society 3,4



**WILLIAM MCKINLEY KELLEY**

Hi-Y 3,4; Excilbur Staff 4; Junior Class Play; Intramurals 2





**WILLIAM KESSLER**  
Chorus 1; Choir 3; Scarlet Quill 4



**LINDA SUE KIRCHENBAUER**  
Band 1,2,3,4; Majorette 3,4; Chorus 1; Choir 3,4; Girl's Ensemble 4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2; president 4; National Thespians 4; Masque and Gavel 4; FTA 4; Student Council 2,3,4; Student Council secretary 2; Excalibur Staff 4; Scarlet Quill Staff 4; Scarlet Quill assistant editor 1; Latin Club 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Class play 3,4; Committees, Prom 3; Ring and Pin 3; Commencement Announcement 4



**PAUL LEFFEN KOUTS**  
Chorus 1,2; Hi-Y 3,4; Excalibur Staff 4



**VERNON ODEAN LAING**  
Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; Choir 3,4; Boys' Ensemble 3,4; Hi-Y 4; Hi-Y president 4; National Honor Society 4; Student Council 2,3,4; Excalibur Staff assistant editor 4; Class play 3,4; Scholarship Teams 2,3,4; Latin, American History, Chemistry; Prom Committee 3; Ring and Pin Committee 3; Junior Rotarian 4; Basketball 1

**JAMES HOWARD LANE**  
Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Boys' Ensemble 3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4; Excalibur Staff 4; Hi-Y 3,4



**PHYLLIS LOUISE LANE**  
Y-Teens 1,2; FHA 4; Excalibur Staff 4



**LYNNDA KAY LEAREY**  
Band 1,2,3,4; Majorette 2,3,4; Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; Masque and Gavel 4; FTA 1; Latin Club 4; Junior Class Play

**LAWRENCE J. LEHMAN**  
Band 1,2; Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Boys' Ensemble 3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; Hi-Y vice president 4; National Thespians 4; Masque and Gavel 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Class Play 3,4; Prom Committee 3; Football 1,4





**JAMES E. LEONARD**

Band 1,2,3,4. Hi-Y 4; National Thespians 4; Masque and Gavel 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Debate Team 4; Declamation Team 4; Class Play 4; Scholarship Team; World History 2; Junior Rotarian 4; One Act Plays 3

**LARRY T. LEY**

Band 1,2,3,4. Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Boys' Ensemble 4; Hi-Y 3,4; National Thespians 4; Masque and Gavel 4; Latin Club 4

**LINDA SUE LONGWELL**

Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Y-Teens 2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2; Secretary 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Art Editor; Junior Class Play; Prom Committee 3; Ring and Pin Committee 3

**RICHARD E. McCOY**  
VIC 4



**MARY LOUISE MARQUIS**

Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Class treasurer 1; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 3; GAA 1,2,3,4; GAA Cabinet 4; Excalibur Staff 4; Latin Club 4

**CHARLES RICHARD MASON**

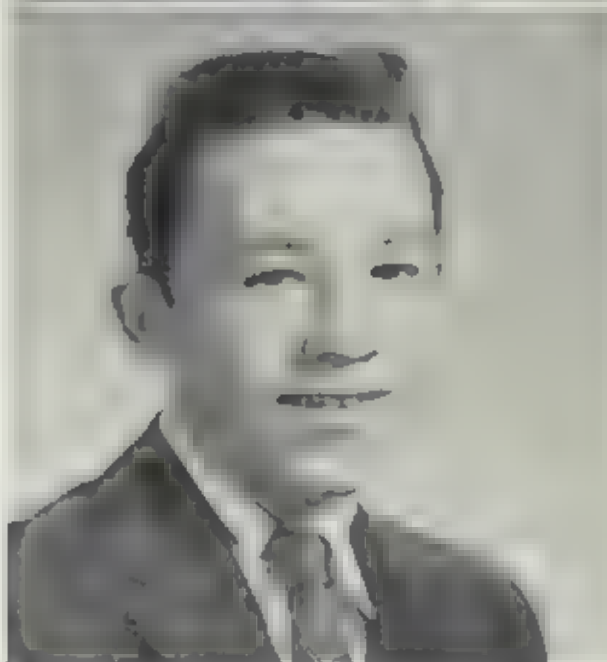
Chorus 1,2; Choir 3,4; Football 1; Excalibur Staff 4

**RICHARD E. MAZURK**

Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Junior Class Play; One-act Plays

**ELAINE MERICLE**

Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens Cabinet 2; GAA 1,2,3,4; GAA Treasurer 4; Cheerleader Reserve 1,2; Varsity 3,4; Senior Class Play; Scholarship Teams 3,4 Spanish







TOM MEIZGER



MARLENE SUE MIHM

MARVIN MIHM

Football, freshman 1, varsity 1,3,4  
Basketball 2, V-Club 3,4, VIC 3

LARRY KAY MILLER



RONALD BRENT MILLER

Freshman Football, Varsity Football  
2,3,4, V-Club 4, VIC 3, Excalibur Staff  
1, Intramural 1



VIRGINIA MARIE MILLER

Y Teens 1,2,3,4, GAA 1,2,3,4, Cabinet  
2,3,4, National Thespians 4, Masque  
and Gavel 4, FTA 4, Excalibur Staff 4,  
Quill Staff business manager, assistant  
editor 4, Declamation Team Dramatics  
1, Class Play 3,4, Committees, Prom 3  
Ring and Pin 3, Commencement An-  
nouncement 4



MARY MOHLER

Chorus 2, FHA 4, VIC 4, Excalibur  
Staff 4, Usherettes 1,2,3, Class Play 3



RACHEL ANN MORRIS

Band 1,2,3,4, Majorette 3,4, Chorus  
1, Choir 2,3,4, Y Teens 1,2,3,4, GAA 1,  
National Honor Society 3,4, Masque  
and Gavel 4, FTA 2,3,4, Excalibur  
Staff Business Manager 4, Latin Club  
1, Class Play 3, Scholarship Team 2  
English





**JAMES E. O'MARA**

Football 3; Hi-Y 4; Excalibur Staff  
4; Class Play 4; One Act Plays 3

**CHARLES G. PARSONS**

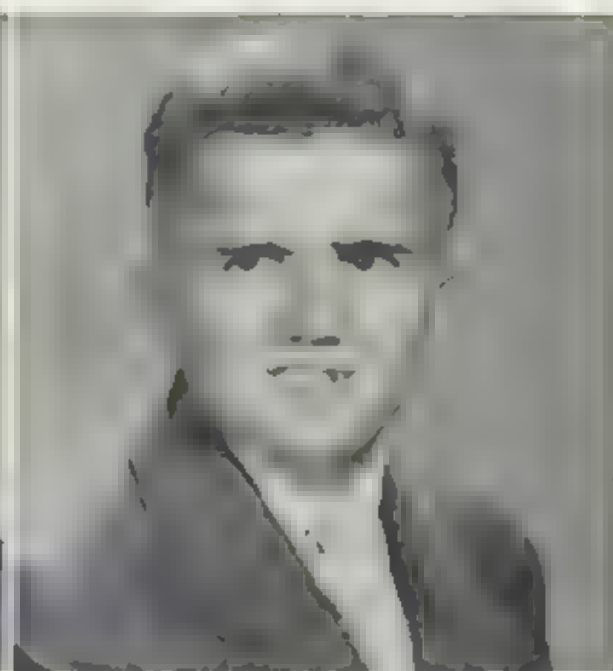
Basketball and Baseball Manager  
V-Club 1,2,3,4

**CURT PROFFITT**

Basketball 1; VIC 3,4; President 4

**MARCIA LOU PUTMAN**

Chorus 1,2; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,  
2; Excalibur Staff 4; Reserve Cheer-  
leader 2



**PHYLLIS ROESNER**

Chorus 2; GAA 1,2,3,4

**BINALEE RUNSER**

Chorus 1,2; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,  
2,3; FHA 1; Excalibur Staff 4



**DALE F. SAAM**

FHA 1,3

**PAUL SARGENT**

Chorus 1,2; Choir 1,4; Student Coun-  
cil 4; FFA 1,2,3; FFA Reporter 2





GLORIA IRENE SCHOONOVER  
Usherettes 1,2,3



KENNY SEIBERT  
Basketball 1,2; Football 1; VIC 4;  
Prom Committee 3

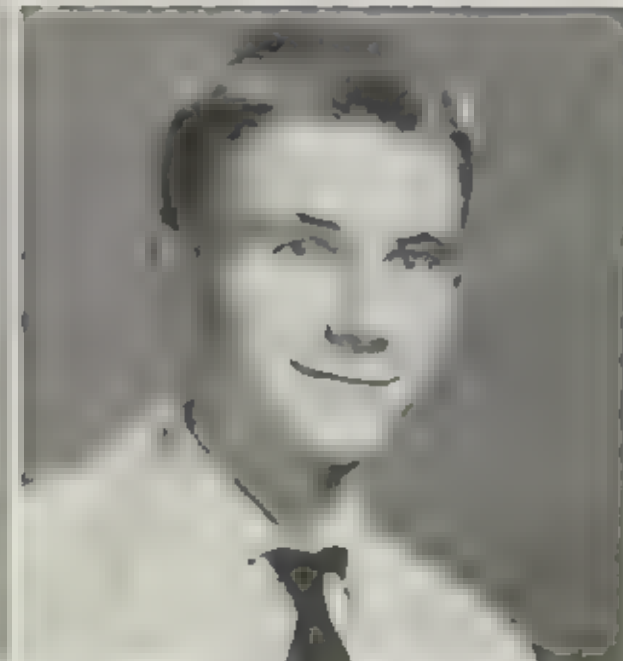


ALICE MAY SMITH  
GAA 1,2; FHA 1,2



JUSTUS SPEELMAN

YVONNE STERRETT  
Senior Class Pla



ANITA LUCILLE TANNER  
Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4;  
Class secretary 1; Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y  
Teens Cabinet 2, vice president 3; Na-  
tional Honor Society 3,4; National  
Thespians 4; Masque and Gavel 4;  
FTA 2,3,4; FTA vice president 2, presi-  
dent 3; Excalibur Staff Editor 4; Latin  
Club 4; Declamation Team 3,4; Orig-  
inal Oratory and Extemporaneous 3;  
Class Play 3,4; Scholarship Teams 1,2,3,4;  
English, Committees, Prom 3, Ring and  
Pin 3; Commencement Announcement  
4; One Act Plays 3; One Act Play Di-  
rector



HELEN LOUISE SHAW  
Band 3; Chorus 1,2; Choir 3,4

RICHARD SHOCK  
Band 1,2,3,4; Hi Y 3,4





WILMA JEAN TAYLOR  
Chorus 2; GAA 1,2 FHA 1,2

PATRICIA L. THATCHER  
Chorus 1,2

RAY TINNEL  
VIC 4; Class Plays 3,4

PEGGY JO WABIE  
Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4,  
Class Treasurer 2; Class secretary 3,  
Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; Y-Teens for state  
GAA 1,2; GAA Cabinet 1; Masque and  
Gavel 4; FTA 4; Excalibur Staff 4;  
Junior Class Play



MITZI JANE WALDRON  
Band 1,2; (Convoy) Choir 1,2; (Con-  
voy) GAA, FHA 1,2,3; (Convoy)

MARY LUCILLE WILLIS  
Y-Teens 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2, Excalibur  
Staff 4; Scholarship team 2, bookkeep-  
ing

JOYCE WILLIAMS  
Chorus 1,2; Choir 3,4; Y-Teens 1,2,3,  
4; Y-Teens Cabinet 4; National Honor  
Society 3,4; National Thespians 4;  
Masque and Gavel 4; FTA 1,2,3,4;  
FTA Cabinet 4; Excalibur Staff 4;  
Latin Club 4; Declamation Team 4;  
Original Oratory; Class Play 3,4; Schol-  
arship Teams 2,4, biology and English,  
Prom Committee 3



RONALD E. WILLIAMS  
Chorus 1, Choir 2,3,4; Boys' Ensem-  
ble 3,4; Excalibur Staff 4, Intramurals  
1,2,3,4





**PATTY LOU WILLIAMSON**  
Chorus 1,2, Y-Teens 1,2,3,4, GAA 2, 3,4, GAA cabinet 3, Excalibur Staff 4

**CAROLYN SUE WHITMAN**  
Band 1,2,3,4, Medicine 2,3,4, Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4, Y-Teens 1,2,3,4, Y-Teens president 2, Y-Teens cabinet 1; Student Council 1,2,3,4, Excalibur Staff 4; Rendezvous Committee 1,2,3,4, Junior Class Play; Homecoming Attendant 2,3,4, Prom Committee 1,2,3,4, Queen Attendant 4; Girls' Ensemble 4



**LARRY WINHOVER**  
Basketball 2,3,4; Freshman Basketball 1; Baseball 1,2; V-Club 4

**JAMES WISEMAN**  
Chorus 1; Choir 2,3,4; H.T. 4; FFA 1,2,3

**ROBERT L. WITHFROW**  
Basketball 1

**RAY A. YAHN**  
Excalibur Staff Photographer 4

**ROBERT YOUNG**  
Chorus 1; Football Varsity 1,2,3,4, Basketball Varsity 2,3,4, Baseball Varsity 1,2,3,4, Class President 1, V-Club 1,2,3,4; National Thespians 4, Student Council 1,2, Excalibur Staff 4, Sports Editor, Quill Staff 4; Rendezvous Committee 1,2,3,4, Senior Class Play Committee, Prom 3, Ring and Pin 3, Commencement Announcement 4



**JUDITH MAE ZINSMEISTER**  
Chorus 1,2, FHA 1

Seniors not pictured  
**RICHARD EUGENE ANDERSON**  
**JACK SAM WORTHINGTON**  
**LARRY WILLS**  
Chorus 1; Baseball 1,2,4, Basketball 1, V.C. cabinet 4





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The first of the series of  
concerts given by the  
Pittsburgh Symphony  
orchestra, under the direction  
of Mr. Leopold Stokowski, and  
conducted by the composer, was  
held at the University of Pittsburgh  
and is remembered  
to remember.





## Excalibur

Hours, "yea-on" hours of proofin' an' spoofin' an' goofin' and here it is—the 1956 *Excalibur*. This *Excalibur*, Van Wert High School's thirty-seventh yearbook, is more than just an annual to those of us who worked toward its completion; it is our senior year in words and pictures.

This *Excalibur* is the result of the work of many persons. The memorable dance at Homecoming and the barbecue before the Toledo football game were masterminded by Rachel Morris and Vern Laing. Rachel and Jerry Gribler, our excellent business managers, planned penny lunches, headed other money-making projects, and sold and distributed yearbooks. Phyllis Gribler stayed after school every night to make selling candy a profitable enterprise. Ronnie Miller, Tom Giessler, and Jess Cooper spent more hours counting tax stamps than they care to recall. The art work throughout the book is that of Linda Longwell, and the sports pages are Bob Young's work. Frank Gilland's original announcements over the P.A. system were most effective.

Mary Brooks and her aids penned and collected writeups, and Karen Katterhemach, along with her helpers, typed and typed and typed. The wonderful cooperation of the administration, especially Mr. Baker, the help of Mr. White, Mr. Broom, and the merchants and townspeople have all meant much to us in creating this yearbook. Many persons have not been mentioned, but everyone on the staff has contributed something to help produce and finance this book.

This is your *Excalibur*, and we sincerely hope you like it.

Penny lunches, tax stamps, and selling candy earn money to produce your yearbook.





## a record in words and pictures of a happy year

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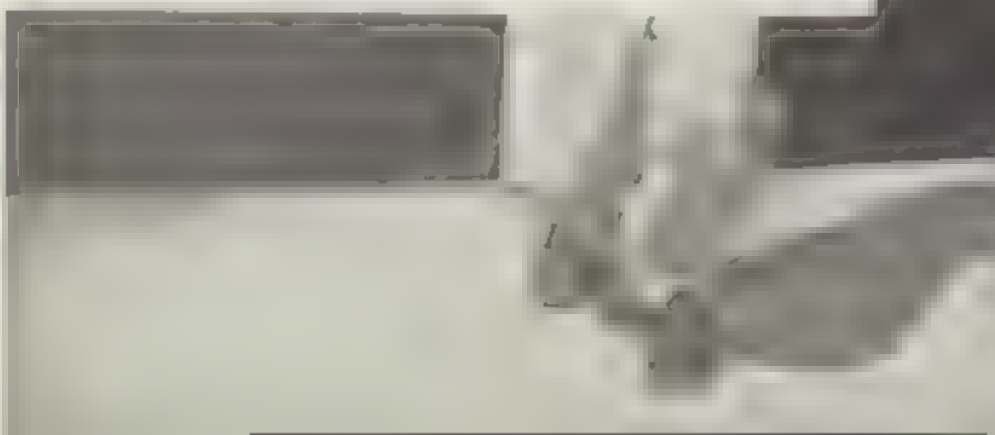


Best character, Linda Lee and Elaine Moore

Most helpful, Bill Kelley and Lynne Ekenbary



Best figure and physique, Linda Hagley and Ray Tinnel







Most friendly, Vern Laing and Linda Kirchenbauer



Best dressed, Gary Cobb and Rachel Morris.



Most athletic, Phyllis Roesner and Bob Young

## Senior Survey

Best looking, Sue Willman and Tom Harden

Biggest flirts, Art Good and Shirley Dustman





## Awards

Tom Harden receives the Kemper Foundation scholarship from Mr. Charles F. Ross

American Legion Award winners Joyce Williams and Vern Laing with legonaire Don Smith

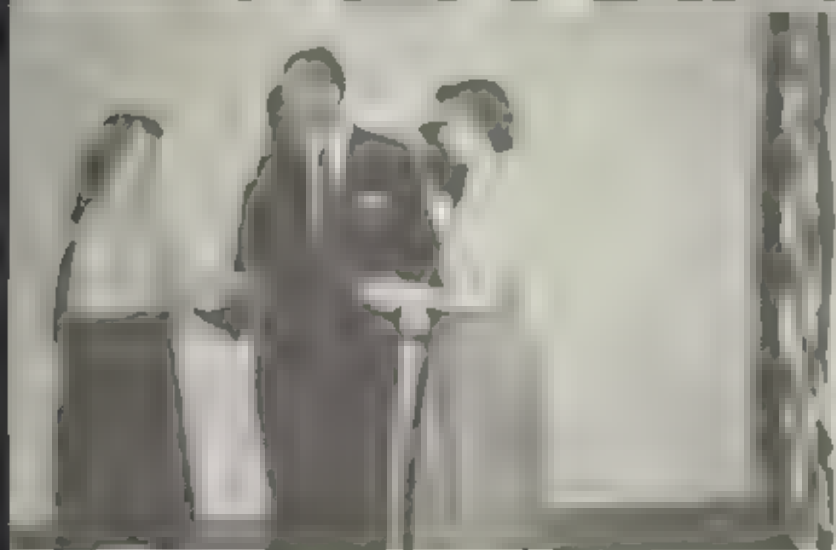
Mr. Livingston presents the Dannecker trophy to the outstanding senior athlete, Bob Young

Co-valedictorians Anita Tanner and Mary Brooks receive the Black, Inc., awards from Mr. Ross

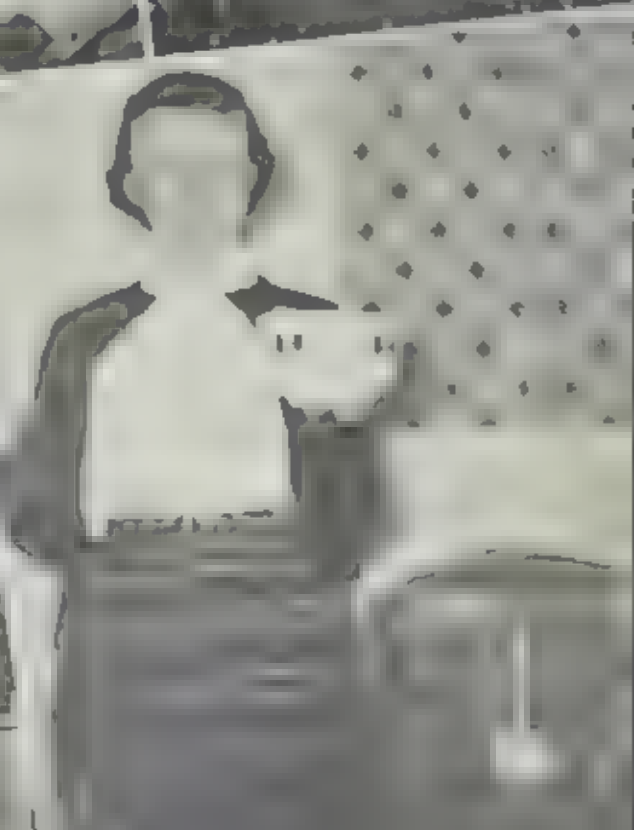
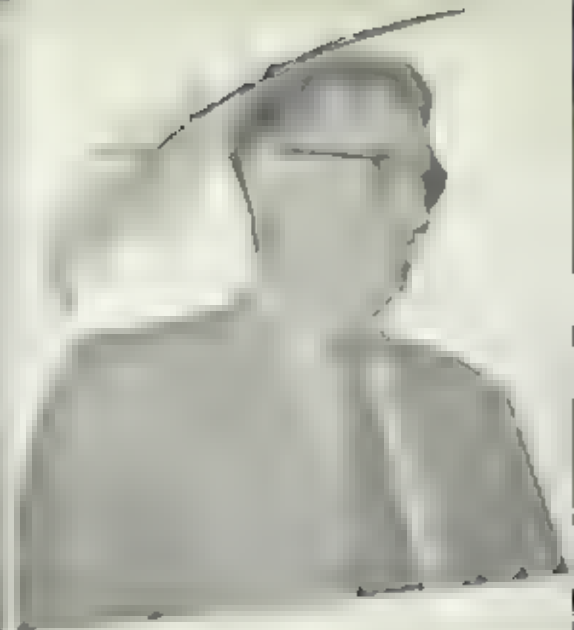
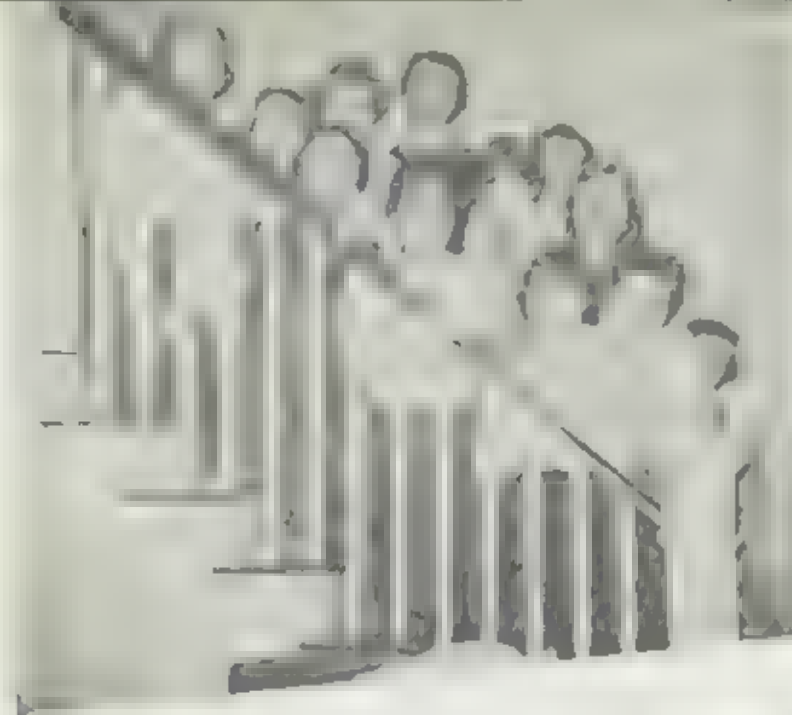
Joyce Williams is named a state winner in the American Legion essay contest and is entitled to go to Washington, D.C.

Elaine Mericle, recipient of the Black, Inc., award for the outstanding senior in secretarial work, with Miss Birch and Sheila Hallam, Soroptimist scholarship winner

The top students scholastically are: First Row: Rachel Morris, Joyce Williams, Sheila Hallam, Shirley Dustman, Lanne Eickelbary, Mary Brooks, Linda Bagley. Second Row: Anita Tanner, Karen Katterheunrich, Caroline Bate, Tom Harden, Jerry Gribler, Dennis Dershem









## Commencement — the seniors say goodbye

Although Baccalaureate was held in Lincoln Gym because of rain, the stadium was the site for the 85th annual commencement. Marching to our places in the stadium, we felt happy and expectant, but during the program as the choir sang its last number, the speaker finished, we received our diplomas, and marched back into the school, we were solemn and thoughtful, realizing that now we were on our own. As the word itself signifies, it was truly our Commencement.







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### **Superintendent**

Mr. R. D. Bennett guides the Van Wert Public School System with patience and competence.



Mrs. Fred Eman, secretary to Mr. Bennett



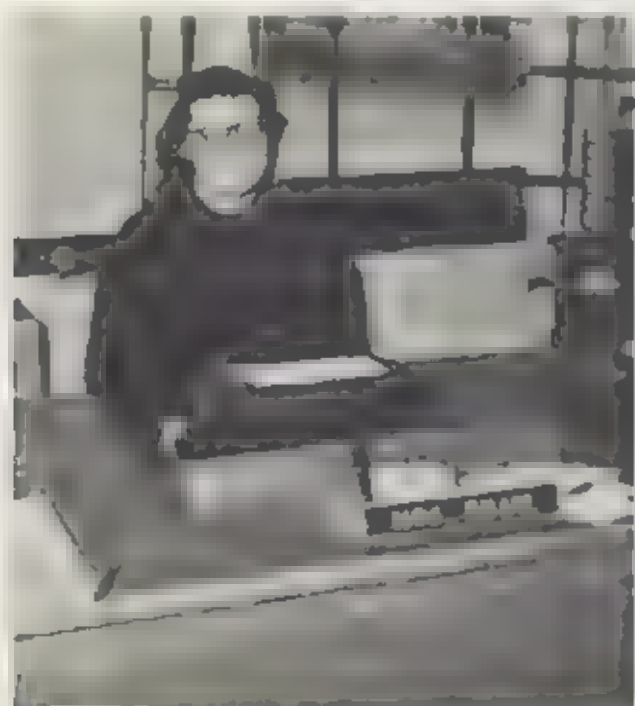
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### **Principal**

Mr. C. Robert Baker, the genial but firm friend who keeps the affairs of our school running smoothly.



Mrs. Wilbur Shaw, competent secretary to Mr. Baker.

### **Guidance Director**

Mr. Ralph Gallapoo, a friend and counselor throughout our high school days.





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More to us than just teachers



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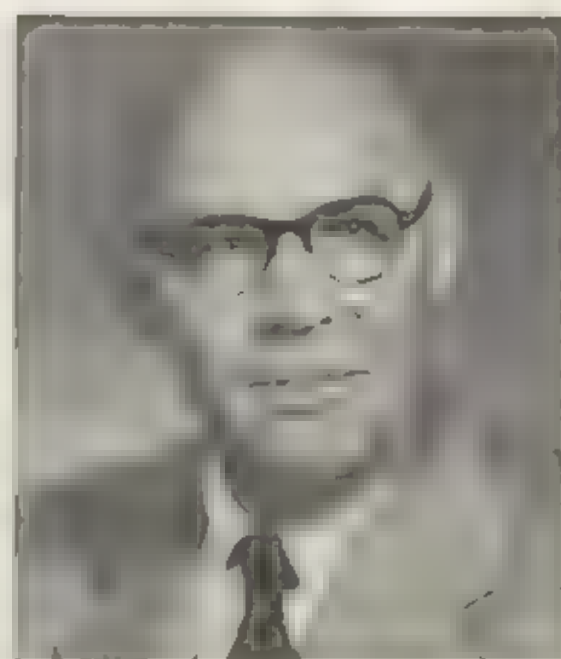
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Bus drivers Robert Jerome and David Van Eman

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